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BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 20, 1971

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OCTOBER 21, 1971

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NEXT ANNUAL SESSION

OXFORD MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 18, 1972

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 19, 1972

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Dedication of Minutes

HAL M. TEAGUE

We the people of the Alexander Baptist Association dedicate these Minutes of the Eighty-fourth Annual Session to the memory of Hal Teague, a member of the Bethlehem Church from 1935-1970.

He has been described as "a man with a big, kind heart," His personal integrity, his high Christian ideals, and his concern for others interwove his service to his Lord, his Church, his family, and to the total life of his community.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE: We, the messengers of Missionary Baptist Churches in the County of Alexander, State of North Carolina, do hereby propose to establish and maintain the order and rules of a district Baptist Association in conformity to the following plan:

Article I. NAME

The name of the body shall be the Alexander Baptist Association.

Article II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's Kingdom and for the promoting of unity and growth among the churches related to the Association. To this end the Association will cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and their agencies in the work of Missions, Christian Education, and Social Service.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The Alexander Association shall be composed of the pastor and three messengers from each Missionary Baptist Church that voluntarily cooperates as the Alexander Baptist Association, the general officers of the Association, chairmen of standing committees, and the pastor and messengers from any church that may hereafter be recognized as a *cooperating* church by the Association.

Section 2: A *cooperating* church shall be defined as follows:

a. One that shares the missionary spirit of the Association,

b. Elects and sends messengers to the annual meeting,

c. Contributes financially to the work of the Association each year, and

d. Provides an annual report to the Association upon the forms provided by the Associational Clerk.

Section 3: Any church may sever its working relationships with the Association at any time it chooses. Likewise, the Association may refuse to continue recognition of a church as a cooperating church when for two consecutive years without sufficient reason that church does not meet the stipulations stated in Section 2, or when for any other reason, approved by the Association in annual session, a church is considered by intent and action to be a liability to the fellowship and work of the Association.

Section 4: Churches desiring to relate themselves to the Association in its work and fellowship may do so by adhering to the following procedure:

a. Make application to the Associational Fellowship Committee for recognition as a *cooperating* Baptist church, such application to be made at least three months before the annual meeting of the Association.

b. Furnish the Fellowship Committee the information required in the annual letter of churches to the Association, plus such other information as the Committee may request for properly evaluating the application.

c. Upon recommendation by the Fellowship Committee and approval by the Association in annual session a church may come under the watch care of the Association for a period of one year. At the end of one year of watch care relationship and upon recommendation of the Fellowship Committee and approval by the Association, a church may be recognized as a cooperating church eligible to all privileges and responsibilities of a church cooperating in the work of the Alexander Association.

d. During the period of watch-care relationship a church shall meet the stipulations of Section 2 above.

e. In the case of new churches which anticipate a working relationship with the Association, duly elected representatives of the proposed church shall consult with the Moderator and Fellowship Committee of the Association relative to the need for another church, its location, and its proposed ministry. Upon the recommendation of of the Fellowship Committee the Executive Committee shall authorize such other assistance as is requested by the church or deemed necessary by the Executive Committee in developing a cooperating Missionary Baptist Church.

Article IV. MEETINGS

Section 1: The Association shall meet annually on Wednesday after the third Sunday of October and continue for two days sessions or longer, as seems wise to the Committee on Order of Business—subject to the approval of the Association in session. The place of meeting shall be determined at the previous session.

Section 2: The associational year shall begin on October 1 and continue through September 30.

Section 3: The Executive Committee shall act for the Association between annual sessions. It shall meet quarterly and at any other time necessary to expedite associational business.

Article V. OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Alexander Association shall be the Associational Missionary—when there is one, Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Parliamentarian, Director of Training, and Three Trustees. These officers, except the Associational Missionary, shall be elected each year by the Association at its annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The Associational Missionary shall be called for an indefinite term of service, and may be called by the Association in annual session, or if necessary, by the Associational Executive Committee.

Section 2: Vacancies occurring in any office between sessions of the Association may be filled by the Executive Committee.

Article VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: It shall be the duty of the Associational Missionary to promote the whole missionary, educational, and social service program of the Association. He may serve as adviser to the officers, churches, committees, and departments of work of the Association. He shall work under the direction of and be subject to the authority of the Associational Missions Committee which shall in turn be subject to the Executive Committee. He shall exercise administrative supervision of all work assigned him by the Association, the Associational Executive Committee, or the Associational Missions Committee.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings of the body punctually at the appointed time, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall appoint in advance or at the opening session all necessary committees. Also, he shall serve as the presiding officer of the Executive Committee of the Association. His term of office shall be one year. He may not succeed himself after two consecutive terms of office.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence, and perform any other function delegated to him by the Moderator, the Association, or the Executive Committee.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep accurate and detailed records of the proceedings of the Association and superintend the printing and distributing of the same. He shall also keep accurate files of the printed minutes and have them bound at the order of the Association and delivered to the Associational office. The Clerk shall serve as Chairman of the Committee on Digest of Church Letters. He shall also keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Associational Executive Committee and serve as its official correspondent. He shall also serve as chairman of the Committee on Dedication of the Minutes.

Section 5: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by it and make a quarterly statement of the same.

Section 6: It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a historical sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and to record other facts of present and past history.

Section 7: It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to advise the Moderator upon points of order whenever necessary.

Section 8: It shall be the duty of the Trustees to serve as the legal officers of the Association, have responsibility for the maintenance of all property, and perform such other functions as may be delegated to them by the Association or the Executive Committee. Their term of office shall be for three years, with one member being elected each year.

Section 9: It shall be the duty of the Director of Training to consult with the Associational Calendar Committee in planning, promoting, and executing the Central Training School, and/or other such studies as the Executive Committee or Association shall authorize.

Section 10: It shall be the duty of the Director of Youth to correlate all youth activities of the Association, working with the Sunday School, Training Union, W.M.U. and Brotherhood.

Article VII. ORGANIZATION AND FINANCE

Section 1: An associational program of teaching, training, missions, stewardship, evangelism, and vocational guidance shall be promoted through the following departments of work: Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and Music. These departments of work shall have officers corresponding to those utilized in the local church and in the convention program of work.

Section 2: The expenses of the Association shall be defrayed by voluntary contributions from the churches, which contributions shall be sent regularly to the Associational Treasurer for that purpose.

Article VIII. COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1: To facilitate the transaction of the business of the Association and to undergird and implement the work of the various departments, the Moderator shall at each annual session appoint an Associational Committee on Nominations to serve for the following year. The Committee on Nominations shall be responsible for recommending to the Association at its next annual session all committees needed for carrying on associational work. All committees shall have three members unless otherwise specified.

Section 2: Committees shall serve for one year unless otherwise specified and shall be as follows:

a. *Nominations:* It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate all committees and officers called for by the constitution except for the Associational Missionary and the committee on Nominations. The committee on nominations will select first the Superintendent of Sunday School, Training Union Director, Brotherhood Director, Woman's Missionary Union Director, and Music Director and then

these will serve with the committee on Nominations in selecting all the other officers for presentation to the association for election.

The Nominating Committee shall, after consulting with the Moderator and outgoing member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention from our Association, be responsible for submitting a recommendation for his replacement as is necessary or invited. The Committee shall explain to the nominee some of his duties and responsibilities.

b. *Time, Place, and Preacher:* It shall be the duty of this committee to select the place of the next annual meeting, fix the time and name the preacher and alternate to preach the annual sermon. The committee shall serve until its successor is elected at the next annual session. In case of absolute necessity, the committee shall have the power to make substitutions for the time, place, and preacher. Such changes, where necessary and when possible to do so, shall be discussed with the Associational Executive Committee.

c. *Resolutions:* It shall be the duty of this committee to draw up and present to the Association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiment on any matter chosen by the committee or referred to it by the Association. This committee shall serve during the annual session only.

d. *Order of Business:* It shall be the duty of this committee to report a suggested order of business early in the opening session of the annual meeting of the Association. When adopted, its report shall become the order of the Association and cannot be changed except by vote of the majority of the body.

The Committee on Order of Business shall give a report of its plans to the Executive Committee at least one quarter before the annual session.

The host pastors of churches entertaining the annual session of the Association shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.

e. *Missions:* It shall be the duty of this committee to have general oversight of the work of the Associational Missionary; plan for, promote, and give guidance to the organization of new churches when and where practical; and provide information and make recommendations to the Association relative to missionary needs which might be met by cooperative effort. In event of a vacancy in the office of Associational Missionary, this committee will make recommendations to the Executive Committee as to a replacement.

f. *Fellowship:* It shall be the duty of this committee to consult with and make recommendations to the Association concerning any churches seeking to be affiliated with the work of the Association in accordance with the article on Membership.

g. *Evangelism:* It shall be the duty of this committee to devise ways and means of promoting evangelism in the churches of the Association.

h. *Finance:* It shall be the duty of this committee to plan and present to the Association a budget for the coming year. This committee shall also be responsible for promoting in the churches of the Association financial support for the Associational work.

i. *Music Education:* It shall be the duty of this committee to promote music in and through the churches, and to work with the committee on order of business in planning music for the annual meeting of the Association.

j. *Associational Calendar:* It shall be the duty of this committee to coordinate the activities of the Associational organizations and plan an associational calendar of activities. This committee shall be composed of the Associational Missionary, the Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Music Education Chairman, and Director of the Central Training School.

k. *Seminary Extension:* This committee shall be responsible for planning, promoting, and conducting Seminary Extension work among our churches.

l. *Dedication of Minutes:* This committee, with the Clerk of the Association as chairman, shall decide to whom the minutes shall be dedicated and shall be responsible for writing the dedication.

Article IX: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of all general officers of the Association listed in Article 5, the Sunday School Superintendent, Director of Training Union, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Chairman of Music Education, Chairman of all standing committees, the pastor of each church composing the Association, and one member from each church in the Association, which member shall be elected by the church he represents. Names of Executive Committee members from each church shall be sent by that church to the association in its annual letter.

Section 2: This committee shall meet quarterly and shall be presided over by the Moderator of the Association. The purpose of meeting shall always be to promote the interests of and carry forward the work of the Association and its member churches.

Section 3: In case of emergency, the Executive Committee may select a time and place and arrange for a special business session of the Association. Such a session shall be limited to the object for which it was convened. Membership of such a special business session shall be made up of messengers elected and accredited to the previous regular session.

Section 4: The Clerk shall make a report of Executive Committee proceedings to the Association in annual session. This report shall become a part of the Associational minutes.

Article X. RULES OF ORDER

Section 1: A majority of the enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2: Every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

Section 3: All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided by general parliamentary laws according to *Roberts Rules of Order.*

RECOMMENDATIONS OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1971-72

GENERAL OFFICERS

General Board Representative	Oliver Price
Moderator	A. D. Lindsey
Vice-Moderator	C. D. Poole
Clerk	Mrs. Kenneth Kerley
Treasurer	Joe McDuffie
Historian	Miss Lucy Echerd
Director of Training	Miss Emilyn Wagner
Parliamentarian	Oliver Price
Sunday School Director	Gene Linney
WMU Director	Miss Marcella Hines
Brotherhood Director	A D. Lindsey
Music Director	Terry Childers
Church Training Director	Eugene Warrick

TRUSTEES

1973	*1972*	*1971*
Bill Goble	Blayne Hollar, *Chm.*	Walter Harrington

STANDING COMMITTEES

Missions

Oliver Price, *Chm.*	Roy Jester	Mrs. U. L. Hafer

Finance

Rayford Rogers, *Chm.*	Gerald Goble	Mrs. Theron Beaman

Evangelism

Horace Moree, *Chm.*	Grady Blakley	Grady Kerley

Time, Place and Preacher

Kenneth Kerley, *Chm.* Mrs. Sam Deal Ray Tester

Order of Business

D. L. Bumgarner, *Chm.* Miss Lucy Echerd James Meacham

Constitution

Roy Jester, *Chm.* Herman Johnson Devon Dyson

Seminary Extension

Mrs. Eugene Meredith, *Chm.* Mrs. Jimmy Chapman Charles Carter

Fellowship

A. D. Lindsey, *Chm.* Phil Chapman Oliver Price

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Children's Home ..... Herman Johnson
Hospital ..... Henkle Little
Homes for the Aging ..... James Meacham
Association Missions .....
State Missions ..... Mrs. Kermit Patterson
Foreign Missions ..... Mrs. Ross Carrigan
Home Missions ..... Mrs. Clarence Caldwell
Cooperative Program ..... Gerald Goble
Baptist Foundation ..... Raymond White
Biblical Recorder ..... R. M. Grant
Christian Education ..... Gary Lail
Annuity ..... Redge Chapman

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Director ..... Gene Linney
Vacation Bible School Director ..... Terry Childers
Secretary ..... Miss Marcella Hines

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

WMU Director ..... Miss Marcella Hines
Baptist Women Director ..... Mrs. Marvin Childers
Baptist Young Women Director .....
Girls In Action Director ..... Mrs. Raymond White
Acteens Director .....
Mission Friends Director ..... Miss Lucy Echerd
Secretary and Treasurer ..... Mrs. Kenneth Kerley

BROTHERHOOD

Director ..... A. D. Lindsey
Secretary ..... Gerald Goble

MUSIC

Director ..... Terry Childers

Respectfully submitted,
Eugene Warrick, *Chm.*
H. I. Johnson
Grady Blakey
Miss Marcella Hines

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday, October 20, 1971

MORNING SESSION

Theme: THE CHURCH AT HOME

9:30 Hymn—Onward Christian Soldiers ..... No. 412
Scripture and Prayer ..... Oliver Price

9:45 Organization ..... Moderator
Welcome by Host Pastor ..... Oliver Price
Roll Call of Churches ..... Clerk
Adoption of Order of Business ..... D. L. Bumgarner
Recognition of Visitors and Pastors .....
Announcements & Appointments of Committees .....

10:05 Our Agencies at Work:
Baptist Hospital
North Carolina Baptist Homes
Children's Homes
N. C. Baptist Foundation
Baptist Annuity Board
Christian Education
Biblical Recorder

10:45 Report of Associational Executive Committee
Associational Missions Report
Recognition of Guest and Announcements

10:55 Hymn—I Love To Tell the Story ..... No. 141

11:00 Our Association at Work:
Sunday School Superintendent ..... Lanny Smith
Vacation Bible School .....
Training Union ..... Eugene Warrick
Music ..... Terry Childers
Woman's Missionary Union ..... Marcella Hines
Brotherhood ..... A. D. Lindsey
Evangelism ..... Oliver Price

Fellowship ..... A. D. Lindsey
Seminary Extension ..... Mr. J. D. Whisnant
Trustees ..... R. M. Grant
Training ..... Miss Emilyn Wagner

11:20 Historian's Report ..... Miss Lucy Echerd
11:30 Special Music ..... Ladies Hand Bell Choir—First Baptist
11:35 Annual Sermon ..... Raymond White
12:00 Adjourn for Lunch: Prayer of Thanks ..... Arthur Jenkins

MOUNTAIN RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Thursday, October 21, 1971

MORNING SESSION

Theme: THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

9:30 Hymn—Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus ..... No. 381
Scripture and Prayer ..... Ray Tester
9:45 Welcome by Host Pastor ..... Ray Tester
Announcements and Recognition of Visitors
10:00 Our Missions at Work:
Foreign Missions
Home Missions
State Missions
Cooperative Program
10:20 Hymn—Send the Light ..... No. 281
10:25 Memorial Service ..... Clerk
10:35 Historians Report ..... Miss Lucy Echerd
10:45 Business Session:
Treasurer's Report
Adoption of Budget
Report of Committees (Time, Place and Preacher)
Nominating: Registration and Resolution
Election of Officers
11:05 Youth Panel (Discussion of the Church)
11:20 Message in Music ..... Solo
11:25 Message ..... Rev. Don McIntyre, Marion, N. C.
11:55 Hymn—Best Be the Tie ..... No. 75
12:00 Adjourn for Lunch: Prayer of Thanks

LIST OF MESSENGERS

ANTIOCH: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Mr. W. R. Benfield.

BETHLEHEM: Mrs. Ola Lewis.

BEULAH: Rev. James Meacham, Mrs. Mable Meacham, Henry Hepler.

CALVARY: Craig Little, Mrs. Shelby McDaniel, Mrs. Betty Murphy.

HIDDENITE: Leach Gooden, Mrs. Lex Allen, Mrs. Marvin Childers.

LEBANON: Rev. J. D. Whisnant, Rev. Roy Jester, Mrs. J. L. Brown, Jr.

LILEDOUN: Roy Rogers, Mrs. Sam Jenkins, Mrs. James Lackey.

LINNEY'S GROVE: Pleas McLain, Bobby Millsaps, Sanford Hayes.

LITTLE RIVER: Authur Jenkins, Edwin L. Teague, Dean Jenkins.

MACEDONIA: Rev. and Mrs. Horace Moree.

MILLERSVILLE: Mrs. Clyde Walker, Mrs. Charlie Fox, Mrs. Hill Stafford.

MT. HERMAN: Mrs. Pearl Johnson, Mrs. Thelma Deal, Mrs. Louise Crouch.

MOUNTAIN RIDGE: Rev. Ray Tester.

OXFORD MEMORIAL: James Pennell, Mae Anderson, Effie Caldwell.

MT. OLIVE: Mrs. Brack Deal, Mrs. Jimmy Davis, Mrs. Everette Davis.

PILGRIM: Lindsay Bumgarner, R. L. Baity, Richard Bustle.

PLEASANT HILL: Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mrs. Jeneva McDaniel, Mrs. Graceteene Childers.

POPLAR SPRINGS: Mrs. Roy Rogers, Mrs. Ruby Bumgarner, Mrs. Mary Bumgarner.

SMYRNA: Mrs. Susie Barkley, Mrs. Edna Deaton, Mrs. Janet Weaver.

STONY POINT: A. D. Lindsey, Mrs. Edna Combs, Mrs. Doris Jolly.

TAYLORSVILLE, EAST: Linney White, Mrs. Thelma White, Mrs. Wren Carrigan.

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST: Mrs. Butler Chapman, Henry Anderson, Mrs. E. F. Harrington.

PROCEEDINGS

EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION

ALEXANDER BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Morning—October 20, 1971

1. The eighty-fourth annual session convened October 20, 1971 at 9:30 o'clock at the Bethlehem Baptist Church. The session was opened and called to order by the moderator, Henry Cook, Jr.
2. Terry Childers led the congregation in singing the opening hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers."
3. Oliver Price led the morning devotions with scripture and prayer.
4. Oliver Price, host pastor welcomed the session to Bethlehem.
5. Florrie Kerley, clerk called the roll of churches. All 22 churches had messengers present.
6. In the absence of D. L. Bumgarner, Oliver Price moved the adoption of the order of business. Motion voted on and carried.
7. New pastors and special guests were recognized at this time.

8. The Moderator appointed the nominating committee for 1972-73 as follows, Terry Childers, *chm.,* Arthur Jenkins and Mrs. Eugene Warrick.
9. The moderator called attention to the reports of our agencies at work and recognized the local representives. Grady Kerley moved the adoption of the reports as written. This was voted on and carried. Thurston Bowman spoke for Children's Home, W. S. Hopkins, and J. M. Hayes spoke for Baptist Homes. Gordon Maddrey spoke for Baptist Foundation. Gene Phillips from Meredith College and student from Gardner-Webb, spoke for Christian Education.
10. The moderator called attention to Association Executive Committee and Association Missions report. Oliver Price spoke for Association Missions and encouraged each church to give 3% of budget so that an associational Missionary could be secured.
11. Announcements were made at this time.
12. Miss Lucy Echerd gave the History of the Bethlehem Baptist Church.
13. Our moderator called attention to our Associational work. Henry Cook spoke for Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. Terry Childers spoke for music. Eugene Warrick called attention to Church Training in Book of reports. Marcella Hines called attention to WMU report. A. D. Lindsey spoke for Brotherhood. Oliver Price spoke for Evangelism.
14. Special music by the Handbell Choir of First Baptist Church.
15. Rev. Raymond White brought the morning message "The Lordship of Christ" Scripture II Corinthians 4:1-7.
16. Arthur Jenkins led Prayer of Thanks for lunch.
17. The session adjourned for lunch to reconvene on Thursday morning, October 21.

Thursday Morning

18. The session was called to order by the moderator and Terry Childers led the congregation in singing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."
19. Ray Tester led the morning devotion, reading from Psalms 91 and led in prayer.
20. Ray Tester, host Pastor welcomed the session to Mountain Ridge Church.
21. The moderator called attention to Missions at Work in Book of reports. Mrs. C. A. Caldwell spoke for Home Missions and Oliver Price spoke for the cooperative program on behalf of Cleve Wilkie.
22. Terry Childers led the congregation in singing "Send the Light."
23. Florrie Kerley, clerk led in a Memorial Service for members who had passed away since last session. Oliver Price led memorial prayer.
24. Miss Lucy Echerd gave the History of Mountain Ridge Baptist Church.
25. Attention was called to Budget and Treasurers report as listed in Book of reports. Motion was made, seconded and voted on to accept report. This vote carried.
26. Guy Cain spoke for Annuity Board.
27. Kenneth Kerley gave time, place and preacher report. Time—October 18-19, 1972. Place—first day, Oxford Memorial Baptist Church. Second day, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Preacher, Horace Moree and alternate preacher Arthur Jenkins.

28. Resolutions Committee gave report listed elsewhere.
29. Eugene Warrick called attention to nominating committee report with one change, being the representive to the General Board, Oliver Price will serve as representative instead of Henry Cook. Motion was made, voted on and approved to accept report.
30. Henry Cook expressed his appreciation for being moderator for the past two years. Mr. Cook told the session that Alexander Association will be in his prayers as he leaves to serve in the Caldwell Association.
31. A motion was made by A. D. Lindsey to dedicate the 1971 annual minutes to Deacon Hal M. Teague from the Bethlehem Baptist Church. This was voted on and approved.
32. The moderator asked for any miscellaneous business. Horace Moree brought before the session for approval a constitutional amendment to Article IV MEETINGS. Section 1, as follows:

    The Association shall meet annually on Wednesday after the third Sunday of October and meet for one day only, unless the Order of Business necessitates a longer meeting. The order of Business and the time element shall be scheduled by the Committee on Order of Business and will be subject to the approval of the Association in Session. The place of meeting shall be determined at the previous Session.
33. The moderator asked for the parliamentarian to read Roberts Rules of Order. After the reading, Oliver Price made a substitute motion that this amendment be referred to the Constitutional Committee, Order of Business Committee and the Executive Committee, and then to be brought before the next session on the first day, October 18, 1972. Henkle Little seconded motion, voted on and carried.
34. Horace Moree then entertained a motion that an Article XI be added to the constitution as follows:

    ARTICLE XI. If and when a change in this constitution is desired or becomes necessary the proposed change or changes shall be presented to the executive committee at least three months (one quarter) for study and consideration and then presented to the Association in annual session in October for the passage or rejection of proposed change or changes.
35. The moderator instructed Moree that according to Parliamentary ruling this too would have to be referred to Constitutional Committee and Executive Committee to be discussed and brought before the next annual session.
36. Horace Moree than asked that the duties of the Constitutional Committee be printed in the Constitution. No vote was taken on this.
37. A Youth Panel consisting of Vickie Ichard, Jan Pennell and Rodney Davidson answered questions asked them by the moderator about "The Church."
38. Special music by Terry Childers.
39. Don McIntyre brought the morning message.
40. Dr. Andrew Lester asked to speak for the Baptist Hospital and was given this time.
41. The congregation sang "Bless Be the Tie That Binds" and the eighty-fourth session came to a close.

Respectfully submitted,
Florrie Kerley, *Clerk*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

October 1, 1970 thru September 30, 1971

INCOME:

Antioch	$ 951.00
Bethlehem	940.60
Beulah	52.00
Calvary	100.00
Hiddenite	300.00
Lebanon	100.00
Liledoun	100.00
Linney's Grove	63.00
Little River	125.00
Macedonia	225.00
Millersville	90.00
Mt. Herman	225.00
Mt. Olive	75.00
Mt. Ridge	160.00
Oxford Memorial	486.36
Pilgrim	96.00
Pleasant Hill	200.00
Poplar Springs	150.00
Smyrna	234.00
Stony Point	500.04
East Taylorsville	55.00
First Baptist	1,006.08
Stamps (Home Economic)	4.80
A. E. Watts Memorial	10.00
Books (C. Training School)	24.74
Bible School	36.39
TOTAL INCOME	$6,310.01
Balance on hand October 1, 1970	978.05
	$7,288.06

EXPENSE:

Salary	$1,097.73
Office Expense	534.16
Utilities	215.87
Equipment	68.00
Associational Minutes	856.75
Miscellaneous	125.42
Sunday School	121.34
Training Union	29.68
Evangelism	
Music	50.00
Brotherhood	
W. M. U.	43.45
Central Training School	217.08
Seminary Extension	
Associational Speaker	
Youth	544.85

Visual Aid	
V. B. S.	199.12
Northwestern Bank, Note	800.00
Interest Northwestern Bank	7.47
Travel Expense	101.22
Convention Expense	150.00
Fire Insurance	66.30
TOTAL EXPENSE	$5,228.44
Balance on hand September 30, 1971	2,059.62
	$7,288.06

Respectfully submitted,
Joe McDuffie

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR 1971-72

1.	Salary and Travel Expense	$1,500.00
2.	Convention Expense	150.00
3.	Office Expense	500.00
4.	Utilities	200.00
5.	Equipment	150.00
6.	Associational Minutes	900.00
7.	Miscellaneous	150.00
8.	Fire Insurance	75.00
9.	Sunday School	175.00
10.	Training Union	225.00
11.	Evangelism	100.00
12.	Music	50.00
13.	Brotherhood	175.00
14.	W. M. U.	175.00
15.	Central Training School	350.00
16.	Seminary Extension	300.00
17.	Associational Speaker	100.00
18.	Youth	500.00
19.	Visual Aid	50.00
20.	Vacation Bible School	100.00
		$5,925.00

Respectfully submitted,
Finance Committee:
Rayford Rogers, *Chm.*
Mrs. Theran Beaman
Gerald Goble

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Be it hereby resolved by the Resolutions committee of the eighty-fourth annual session of the Alexander Baptist Association has seen fit:

1. To thank the Bethlehem and the Mountain Ridge Churches for

the wonderful fellowship meal, and the Spirit of Worship in the churches.

2. To reaffirm our resolution adopted by the seventy-eighth annual session, in opposition to the establishment of liquor stores and the sale of alcoholic beverages, and that this be reaffirmed each year and that this resolution be published in our local paper and that the expenses be paid out of our Associational Funds. Be it further resolved that we urge Merchants to examine their literature and keep it Christian.
3. To thank Brother Henry Cook for his service to the Association as Moderator for the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,
Authur Jenkins
James Meacham
Mrs. Donald Sigmon

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Your Baptist Hospital admitted 17,557 persons in 1970 for a total of 150,174 days of care. In addition, there were 51,563 visits to out-patient clinics, including 17,241 to the emergency room. About 90% of these were "referral" patients—that is, patients who were referred to our Hospital by their local physicians because they needed the specialized medical care our Hospital is staffed and equipped to offer.

Our Hospital, from the day of its beginning, has provided good medical care for our people, including care for persons who cannot pay the cost. There has been great progress in medicine and tremendous increase in hospital costs, and these have made some policy changes necessary. The basic policy of providing care—now the highly specialized care for the more difficult cases—for those who cannot pay has not changed. This Christian ministry is at the head of the work of our Baptist Hospital.

The financial situation of the Hospital is viewed by the administration with "cautious optimism." The operating deficit has been reduced and expenditures are being kept more nearly in line with income. The entire staff is cooperating in an effort to maintain a proper balance between sound financial policies and a spirit of Christian compassion.

The Medical Center Development Program is progressing on schedule. The new patient Tower is expected to be ready for partial occupancy by late 1972. The 14 bed coronary care unit will open about September 1971. A statewide Development Campaign, initiated with pledges totaling $177,182 from employees of the Medical Center, is moving toward successful completion.

Baptist Hospital offers a ministry of healing in Christ's name to all who need it. It seeks to fulfill the same purpose in North Carolina that a Baptist Hospital operated by our Foreign Mission Board seeks to fulfill in Korea or Nigeria. It ought to be supported by missionary-minded Baptists with the same enthusiasm and for the same reason we support every other phase of our demonination's World Mission Program. This is missions too.

Respectfully submitted,
Henkle Little

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES

North Carolina Baptist can be thankful for the work they are doing in our State for the Elderly of our State. We are contributing to the support of 5 homes that are caring for 200 or more of our aging.

God's promise in Isaiah 46:4 "and even to your old age I am He; and even to hoary hairs I will carry you; I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and deliver you." We are, and can, have a part in carrying out God's promise. About 22% of their support comes from the churches in the February 3rd. Sunday Special Offering.

The care for the aging like everything else continues to rise. So it is more important than before that we give generous in these offerings each year. It would be a blessing if we would find time to visit one of these homes, either Yanceyville, Resthaven, Albemarle, Hayes, Hamilton or the Infirmary and see how our elderly take part in the programs there. They have a feeling of belonging, and a feeling of a life of usefulness among the individuals there. This gives them a brighter and more cheerful outlook on life.

Let us be grateful to the Lord to be a part of this great work. We are meeting a great need in this area of human need.

Respectfully submitted,
James W. Meacham

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Let a graduating senior express what it is like to live in one of our Baptist Children's Homes: "I really do not know how to write about a place which has been so fine, and which has given me the opportunity to worship, work, and learn; not only where we stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where we stand in moments of challenge and moments of controversy. After all these years, one finally learns that certain values and practices are good and sound and help children to feel secure and happy."

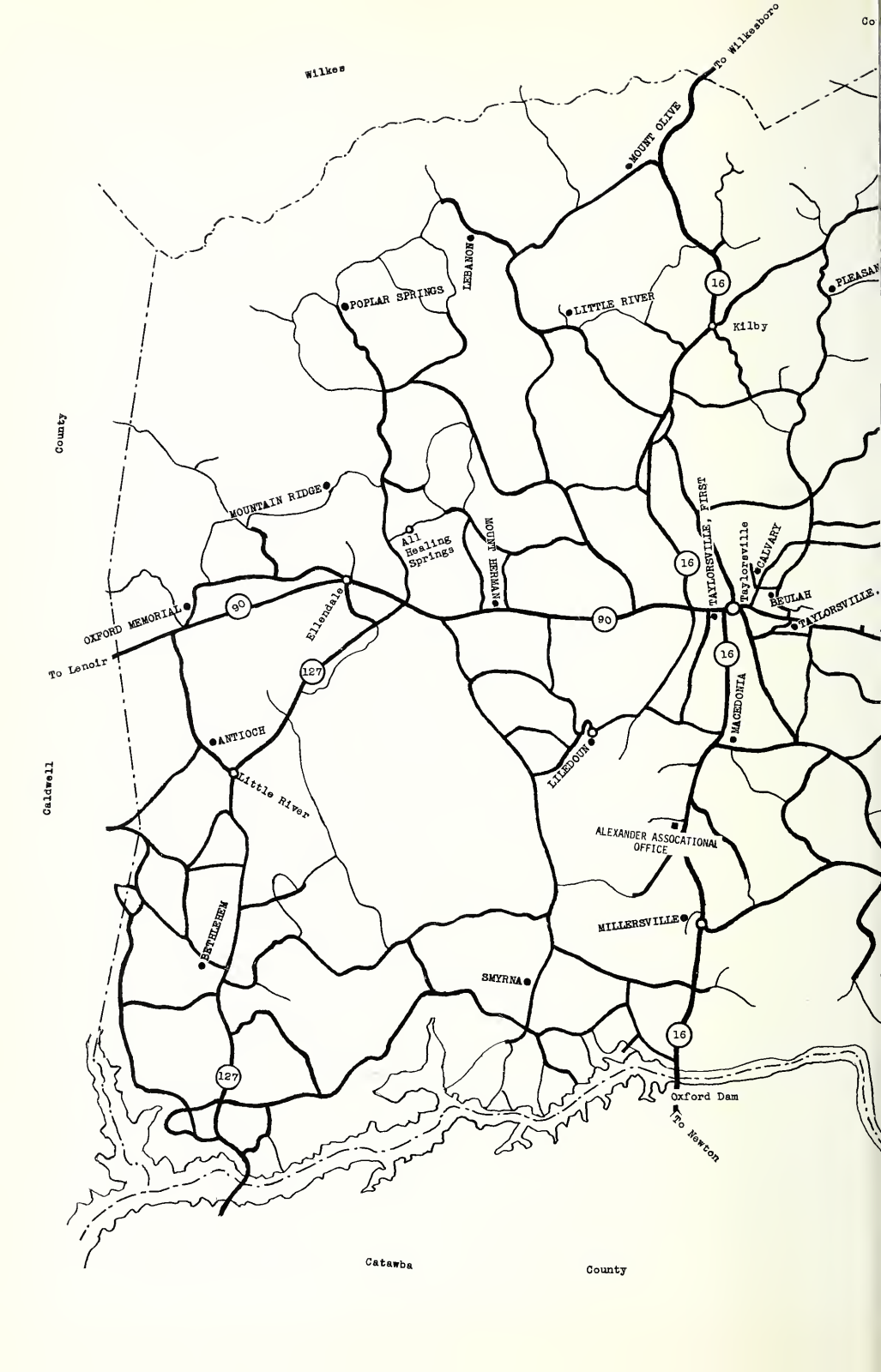
This statement could be made by almost any senior regarding his home and community, for a child in the care of the Baptist Children's Homes has basically the same attitudes and values as other children. He differs from other children only in the tragic experiences which have made it necessary for him to live away from his family. For these children, it is our mission to provide loving care in the spirit of Jesus Christ. We want to work in harmony with what we sense God is doing in the life of each child, enabling the child to tap his own inner resources and grow to responsible adulthood.

The pursuit of this basic goal has led the Children's Home to develop a variety of services, all family centered. Some families need resident care for their children and for these we have group homes and foster homes. Some families can remain together with outside help and for these we have family services in the form of counseling or financial assistance. For the unmarried girl who is pregnant, we offer maternity care. For the graduate in our care, we assist in higher education. For churches involved in day care, we provide a demonstration program and consultation service. We welcome individual inquiries regarding any of these services as the need may arise.

Our services are made available through strategically located facilities

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1887	Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner	J. M. Hendren	W. E. White
1888	Antioch	J. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1889	Bethel	J. B. Poole	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1890	Concord	D. W. Poole	L. P. Gwaltney	T. A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W. J. Bumgarner	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J. M. Shaver	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D. W. Poole	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J. A. White	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L. P. Gwaltney	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J. J. Reach	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D. W. Poole	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R. L. Davis	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R. L. Davis	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O. A. Keller	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1905	Antioch	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1906	Bethel	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1908	Concord	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1909	Damascus	J. M. Shaver	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1910	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J. M. Shaver	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D. W. Poole	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E. V. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1918			J. W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B. F. Austin	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T. H. Williams	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T. E. Payne	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L. E. Barnes	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J. W. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1924	Concord	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J. M. McAlpine	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1927	Mt. Olive	J. H. Boggs	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C. C. Holland	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J. L. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S. I. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A. T. Howell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod


Wilkes
To Wilkesboro
MOUNT OLIVE
POPLAR SPRINGS
LEBANON
LITTLE RIVER
16
Kilby
County
MOUNTAIN RIDGE
All Healing Springs
MOUNT HERMAN
TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST
Taylorsville
CALVARY
BEULAH
TAYLORSVILLE
OXFORD MEMORIAL
90
Ellendale
To Lenoir
127
ANTIOCH
Little River
LILEDOUN
MACEDONIA
ALEXANDER ASSOCATIONAL OFFICE
Caldwell
BETHLEHEM
MILLERSVILLE
SMYRNA
Oxford Dam
To Newton
Catawba
County

LEGEND

CAPITAL LETTERS — Churches

Little Letters — Locations; towns, etc.

Black Dots — Church Houses

Encircled Figures — Highway Numbers

Broad Heavy Lines — Paved Roads

Light Narrow Lines — Dirt Roads

Broken Lines — County Boundries

Bridges are not shown.

The southern border is Catawba River.

The square on Highway 16 marks the office of the association.

The whole map involves only the area of County.

1936	Fairview	F. A. Pennell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1937	East Taylorsville	Lee James	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C. C. Holland	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T. L. Blalock	A. E. Watts	G. L. Chatham
1941	Pilgrim	J. C. Gwaltney	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E. C. Shoe	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1944	First Taylorsville	H. L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus	E. C. Shoe	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Three Forks			
1947	East Taylorsville	A. E. Watts	A. C. Payne	H. L. Good
	Taylor Springs			
1948	Poplar Springs	A. B. Bumgarner	Homer L. Good	W. W. Harrington
	Bethel			
1949	Antioch	W. O. Johnson	E. V. Bumgarner	W. W. Harrington
	Hiddenite			
1950	Liledoun	J. A. Icenhour	A. B. Bumgarner	J. L. Wells
	Mt. Herman			
1951	Stony Point	J. L. Wells	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	East Taylorsville			
1952	First Taylorsville	J. R. Lail	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	Smyrna			
1953	Pleasant Hill	David C. Boaz	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Bethlehem			
1954	Pilgrim	Herman Johnson	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Little River			
1955	Linney's Grove	R. L. Dixon	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Hiddenite			
1956	Liledoun	H. L. Good	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1957	Macedonia	W. O. Warren	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	First Taylorsville			
1958	Antioch	Horace Moree	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1959	Beulah	I. V. Couch	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Stony Point			
1960	Poplar Springs	H. M. Cartner	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1961	Liledoun	Ralph Kerley	James Teague	W. O. Warren
	Little River			
1962	Pleasant Hill	Henkle Little	R. L. Dixon	W. O. Warren
	Hiddenite			
1963	Bethlehem	Robert Winecoff	R. L. Dixon	W. O. Warren
	Antioch			
1964	Smyrna	James Lockee	Horace Moree	W. O. Warren
	Millersville			
1965	Macedonia	Walter Howell	Horace Moree	W. O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1966	Stony Point	Arthur Jenkins	Marion Powell	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1967	Calvary	Oliver Price	Marion Powell	W. O. Warren
	Liledoun			
1968	First Church	Marion Powell	Oliver Price	W. O. Warren
	Mount Olive			
1969	Antioch	Devon Dyson	Oliver Price	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1970	Poplar Springs	Marvin Willis	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Hiddenite			
1971	Bethlehem	Raymond White	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Mountain Ridge			

throughout North Carolina: in the East at Kinston, Pembroke, Fayetteville and Raleigh; in the Piedmont at Chapel Hill, Thomasville and Charlotte; in the West at Asheville and Waynesville.

Staff members and children of the Baptist Children's Homes are grateful for the harmonious relationship we have shared with North Carolina Baptists. The churches have expressed their confidence and support through increased Cooperative Program gifts and a 1970 Thanksgiving Offering of $380,000. Individuals continue to give generously and to become involved in our varied ministries. We accept this support as an investment in all that we are doing and we pledge ourselves to translate your investment into quality Christian child care.

Respectfully submitted,
H. I. Johnson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The seven Baptist Colleges in North Carolina last year had a total enrollment of 12,627 students. This total enrollment was broken down as follows:

Campbell College... 2,207, Chowan College... 1,483, Gardner-Webb College... 1,538, Mars Hill College... 1,494, Meredith College... 1,109, Wake Forest University... 3,051, Wingate College... 1,745.

The largest financial source of annual income for our colleges is the Cooperative Program, and last year the following Cooperative Program funds were given: Campbell College...$302,350, Chowan College... $184,360, Gardner-Webb College... $193,578, Mars Hill College... $261,791, Meredith College... $261,791, Wake Forest University... $447,995, Wingate College... $191,735, making a total of $1,843,600.

Although inflation, the greater need for financial aid, and a decrease in endowment earnings have caused many colleges financial crisis, none of our North Carolina Baptist Schools is in deep financial difficulty at this moment.

The three most significant events last year in North Carolina Baptist Higher Education were: (1) Gardner-Webb College graduated 278 persons at its first graduating class as a four-year senior college. (2) Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, President of Meredith College resigned to go to the Univesity of Richmond, and (3) The Baptist Youth Corps completed its third year of operation. This program allows the local Baptist church to get a summer student worker for a very small investment. Presently, there is more demand for Youth Corps workers than there are workers, and a special effort is being made to recruit more young people for the next year.

Our common goal in North Carolina Baptist Higher Education is to provide opportunities for students to seek Truth in an atmosphere of freedom, guided by persons who are committed to God as He is revealed in Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Lail

BIBLICAL RECORDER

At a time when some religious publications are losing circulation, it is good to report that the *Biblical Recorder* has passed 93,000—the highest circulation in its 138-year history. This circulation is a tribute to the Baptists of North Carolina who support the paper so faithfully.

Even though inflation continues to create problems, you can receive the RECORDER under the church budget plan for the same price it was in 1960—only $2.00 a year. It is not known how long this reasonable price can be made available and that is all the more reason churches should enlist immediately.

The RECORDER likes to report all the good news it can about Baptist. The paper is proud to be the instrument that communicates to the world what our denomination is doing. When evil needs to be exposed however, the RECORDER does not shun it. This was evidenced again in the legislature this year as the liquor forces managed only small gains. And these may turn out to be unconstitutional. We are referring to the local option liquor by the drink elections in Moore and Mecklenburg Counties. The RECORDER stresses Christian citizenship. Perhaps this is one reason the paper continues to reach more and more people—it stands for something.

The RECORDER appreciates every reader and supporter. The cost is reasonable. You can receive the RECORDER under the Church Budget Plan for only 4c a week—half the cost of mailing a letter. There is no more economical way to have an informed membership than by sending the RECORDER to every family.

Respectfully submitted,
Marse Grant

BAPTIST FOUNDATION

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., was organized in 1920. It has a fifteen-member Board of Directors elected by the Baptist State Convention. The policies and procedures of the Foundation and the support of the same is in the hands of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. This is your foundation, and you should know more about its services and activities.

During the past twelve months, the Foundation has had a gradual growth, in that several individuals and churches have made contracts with the Foundation to accomplish specific purposes such as: supporting an agency or institution of the Baptist State Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, and world-wide objects. In one or two instances, individuals through their wills have added to existing memorials that were established during the lifetime of the donor.

The Foundation stands ready to render service to individuals and churches as their requests are made known.

How does the Foundation serve the individual:?

1. In Estate Planning.
2. Preparing Wills and Living Trusts.

How does the Foundation serve the Church?

1. By managing trust funds for churches.

2. By furnishing speakers for pulpit supply and other occasions.

We are indeed fortunate to have as the Executive Secretary for North Carolina, Dr. C. Gordon Maddrey. The Christian needs to be concerned about his influence long after this life has ended. For the Bible says: "he being dead yet speaketh."

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond M. White

ANNUITY

As prices of goods increased and the value of the dollar decreased in 1970, a large number of Baptist pastors, church staff members and denominational employes moved to provide greater protection in the years ahead for themselves and their families. Most of these persons did so by increasing their Southern Baptist Protection Program participation to at least ten per cent of total salary.

While members upgraded, the Annuity Board was introducing Good Experience Credit. This gives Protection Program members benefits over and above the amounts set forth in their certificates.

Increased benefits are made possible by interest earnings in excess of the Protection Program's initial actuarial assumptions. Since January 1, 1970, active members received Good Experience Credit in the form of increases in retirement credits accrued.

Retired persons also get Good Experience Credit. Persons receiving benefits other than education, variable or fixed period are getting four per cent more income each month.

Each retired person, or widow, also received a "13th Check" for 1970 amounting to 8.33 per cent of his annual benefit. It was the fifth consecutive year the "13th Check" had been given and amounted to $424,594.

In its 53 year history, the Annuity Board has paid benefits amounting to $82.1 million; $8.4 million was paid in benefits during 1970.

An Annuity Board protection program is available to cover all the needs of a pastor, church staff member or denominational employee. Many churches help by paying the dues in retirement and life and health insurance plans. Information on any part of the Annuity Boards programs may be obtained from the state convention office or from the Development Division, Annuity Board, SBC, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

During the summer 21 of our 22 churches in the Alexander Association held Vacation Bible Schools. These ran some one week and some two, 2,140 girls and boys received Bible training in these schools. They were also taught Missions and giving of their allowance and earnings, as they contributed $888.04 for Missions. Eighteen of these students made professions of faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior. Time alone can tell what great things God will do with these.

We regret to report that one church failed to have a school. The Alexander Association has been one of the few in the State with 100% Vacation Bible Schools. Let us do better next year, and not lose our rating;

and above all let us not fail to teach our youth. Children are the most precious of God's creation.

TRAINING

The highlight of our training program for 1970-71 was the Central Training School held at First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, October 12-15, 1970. The emphasis was on Church Training. Local teachers and four teachers from the Church Training Department, Raleigh, led in a most informational and inspiring week. In the seven classes and the nursery there were 90 enrolled, with an average attendance of 70, from nine churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Emilyn Wagner, *Director*

CHURCH TRAINING

Of the nine churches in our association which have Church Training, I am thankful to say that all churches have reported that their training programs are progressing satisfactory. There are 808 enrolled in Church Training in our association at the present time.

During the past year the following courses were taught in the churches which have Church Training; 3 Leadership courses, 6 New Member Orientation courses, 1 Deacon Training course, 5 Soul Winning courses, and 1 course on Baptist Doctrine. I am also happy to say that 18 people attended Church Training Week at North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Southport and 6 juniors participated in the Junior Memory Work Tournament and all became State Winners. Our annual M-Night was held at Hiddenite Baptist Church.

I hope that the other churches in our association who do not have a Church Training organization will decide to organize one during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Eugene Warrick

MUSIC

"Music . . . a gift of God, not the invention of men." Yes, a truer statement has never been made. Since the beginning of time music has been and still is today the universal language.

While many areas of service showed a marked decrease in the Southern Baptist Convention report for last year, the Church Music program showed an increase. This speaks well for music and tends to agree that music is here to stay from the beginning . . . to the end of time.

Let me encourage you to offer your church with as much music as is humanly possible. Most churches in our association show that they have at least one choir in their church. For some, this may be all that is needed. It doesn't take large numbers to start a choir. All it takes is a genuine love for music and much enthusiasm.

In the Association this year we sponsored an overnight festival for children in grades 3-6. Approximately 40 children attended this event and

and developed a greater appreciation for church music through active participation in the festival.

With new zeal and new enthusiasm, let's make this an outstanding year in the field of Church music. May God bless each of you and our efforts as we seek to serve Him this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry D. Childers

BROTHERHOOD

We are happy to report, that in the past year we have observed an unusual growth in our Royal Ambassador work. Our men's work has not shown the growth that we had hoped for.

We want to call to the attention of all the men regarding the growth of Camp CaRAway, Ashboro, North Carolina. We believe that one of the reasons for the increased activity in our R.A. work is due to the inspiration they have received from visiting the camp site. During this past season 1400 boys attended this camp. There were 150 professions of faith and 800 or more other types of decisions. This camp is being used year round by associations, local churches, Sunday Schools, Training Unions, Music, Deacons, etc. However, we want to call your attention to the fact that our state brotherhood department has sponsored the building of several cottages, swimming pool and other facilities to make this a more complete site for this type of activity. At this time our brotherhood department is in great need of financial assistance. We want to urge that the boys of our association give $1.00 each and all the men of our association give as much as $3.00 each. Donations will be accepted by your brotherhood director or by sending it direct to the Brotherhood Department, 301 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, N. C. 27611. If you have questions concerning this work please call 585-6900.

Respectfully submitted,
A. D. Lindsey

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Mr. Walter Harrington who was appointed Promotional Secretary for the Alexander Association in October 1969 continues to serve in that position. Mr. Harrington has maintained the associational office on Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 until 3:30 and has been on duty at other times when necessary.

Mr. Harrington has attended the Southern Baptist Convention and numerous state conferences, clinics and meetings. He has been active in keeping the pastors and churches informed as to changes and developments.

Mr. Harrington has visited different churches in the association when invited or it seemed essential to the individual church or the association. He is now assisting churches in securing pastors, and is anxious to be of service in any way possible to any church.

Funds are still not sufficient to employ a full time missionary.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Harrington

EVANGELISM

All Christians need to thank God for the renewed interest among youth in evangelism. This was evident during the Youth Evangelism Night this past February 2nd when almost 20,000 youth and adults overflowed the Greensboro Coliseum and War Memorial Auditorium. 1,519 decisions were made by these youth. Also many youth in churches across our state are involved in witnessing for Christ in unique ways.

There is tremendous interest in North Carolina and the entire Southern Baptist Convention in the new WIN materials on lay witnessing and the one week Lay Evangelism Schools. Over twenty-five associations have already started specific planning toward a one week Lay Evangelism School in their area. The first Lay Evangelism School sponsored by the Division of Evangelism will be November 1-7 in the Mecklenburg Association. Other one week dates have already been confirmed in several associations. Jesus reminded all Christian laymen of our task in Luke 24:48—"and ye are witnesses of these things." Thousands of laymen and youth will respond if they are properly challenged and trained.

The Division of Evangelism in cooperation with our Brotherhood Department and the N. C. United Methodist Conference will sponsor four Regional Evangelism Conferences for Baptist and Methodist men during October 18-19 and 21-22, 1971 across the state. Lay evangelism will be the emphasis of these evening meetings. Dr. Ben Johnson of Atlanta Georgia who has assisted Dr. Billy Graham and Dr. Ken Chafin in several conferences, and Dr. Ralph Neighbour of Houston, Texas will be the two main speakers. Rev. Bob Gibbons will be the guest soloist. Laymen will preside, share personal testimonies and have the Scripture and Prayer.

The 26th Statewide Evangelism Conference will be February 7-9, 1972 at the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium in Fayetteville.

The next Statewide Youth Evangelism Night will be on Friday evening, August 18, 1972 at Greensboro Coliseum.

Remember to pray earnestly for the non-Christians in North Carolina and around the world that through our efforts together the Holy Spirit may lead many persons to commit their lives to Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Oliver Price

FOREIGN MISSIONS IN BRIEF

The most recent statistics revealed a total of 2,490 on the overseas missionary staff. This included 153 missionary associated, 4 special project nurses and 128 missionary journeymen. This year sets a new record for missionary appointments.

A major focus has been on Evangelism and church development. The reports from Missions totaled 5,303 churches, 7,375 mission points, and 4,754 national pastors. Also reported were 54,994 baptisms and 631,259 church members. Mainland China, closed to missionaries since 1951, was last estimated as having 392 churches, with 123,000 members, related to Southern Baptist mission work.

Always there are financial needs above the resources which Southern Baptist make available to foreign missions. Several million dollars worth

of land, building, and equipment continue to be needed urgently on overseas fields.

Underlying all our missionary endeavors is the ultimate purpose of leading people to new life in Jesus Christ and the Cultivation of New Testament churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ross Carrigan

STATE MISSIONS

Generally speaking, State Missions in North Carolina can be divided into two major categories: (1) ministries that STRENGTHEN and (2) ministries that LENGTHEN the witness of local churches.

Strengthening ministries involve the various church program organizations such as Sunday School, Church Training, WMU, Brotherhood, etc. These are programs that better enable local churches to realize their own mission potential.

State Missions ties into all of this providing resources and personnel that assist in the development of these ministries. Workshops, seminars, and conferences are conducted each year that deal directly with the strengthening of these organizations. State Missions, therefore, helps local churches as they themselves become types of "Mission station" across the state.

The second type of State Missions are those ministries that LENGTHEN the witness of local churches. These are cooperative efforts that "represent" the concerns of local churches; programs that require the support of many congregations. Some examples of these ministries include Urban Missions, Interracial Cooperation, Resort Ministries, Language Ministries, Chaplaincy, Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, Seminary Extension, Ministry to the Deaf, etc. These are specialized programs that require the continued support of well-trained personnel. Many of these ministries are co-sponsored with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board who provide home missionaries, as well as other resources.

Each of these ministries, however, works closely with local churches and associations. In Resort Ministries, for example, local churches and associations often participate by providing personnel and other resources. It is not uncommon for urban weekday programs to look to churches and associations for a needed location and other recourses.

Other extending ministries include Literacy Work, Migrant Missions, Mountain Missions, Week-Day Ministries and Youth and Family Services. All total, State Missions involves over 50 different ministries across North Carolina. These programs serve as a vital link in the total World Mission responsibility of North Carolina Baptist.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Kermit Patterson

HOME MISSIONS

In 1845 there were three areas of special need assigned to the Home Mission Board: work among Negroes, work among Indians, and work in New Orleans with six missionaries.

The Board now operates twelve programs employing more than 2,200 missionaries. In addition, there are approximately 700 student missionaries who are sent out each year for ten weeks, and several US2ers sent for two years.

There are areas with no Baptist Witness. The Home Mission Board provides help in purchasing property and securing pastoral aid to start new work. For thirty years, an average of two churches per week have been established in the new areas.

More than 1000 missionaries serve in language missions working with 35 million people of language backgrounds other than English. About ten per cent have been reached for Christ.

Christian Social Ministries provide helpful services to Juveniles, migrants, alcoholics, addicts, ex-prisoners, disaster relief, and others.

Chaplaincy Ministries provides a spiritual ministry to military personnel and their families, and to persons in hospitals, penal and other institutions.

There are greater responsibilities in the years ahead. The population growth, the urbanization and industrialization of our society, the increasing number of language persons, the needs of National Baptists the need of a Christian witness in race relations are among areas of great challenge in the years ahead. Evangelism and establishing new missions and churches must continue. The great days of home missions are not in the past—they lie in these dynamic and expanding decades ahead.

With faith in God and dependence upon the guidance and power of His Spirit, may we be committed to the task of sharing Christ with men of all races, laboring with others to claim "our land for Christ."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. C. A. Caldwell

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Is there a church you can lead to increase Cooperative Program giving by $5,000? or $10,000? or $15,000? Does your association have 100% of the churches contributing through the Cooperative Program? Anson and Yates association did in 1970. More than 1,000 churches in North Carolina increased Cooperative Program giving last year by 10% or more over the previous year. As a dedicated Christian steward will you try to lead your church to increase the percentage of the offering plate dollar given through the Cooperative Program?

A pastor said during a Fellowship Dinner in his church, "My hands reach 25,000 miles, or rather the Lord's hand through me, when I lay the dedicated tithe of my income in the offering plate of our church.

"But how can I reach this distance? By joining hands with others.

"You see, our church gives 32¢ of very undesignated dollar through the Cooperative Program.

"Our Lord set a wonderful example for us at this point. He started with education. He taught the apostles and they proclaimed the gospel around the world. The Cooperative Program is an effort to follow this example.

"Since the Cooperative Program helped to educate and now pays the

salary of over 6,000 missionaries around the world, I am able to reach around the 25,000 miles of the earth as I tithe through our church," concluded the pastor.

You can reach 25,000 miles as your church gives a worthy portion of each worshipper's contribution through the Cooperative Program.

North Carolina Baptists believe that the Cooperative Program is the best way to do mission work because:

1. It is motivated by the Great Commission. The Cooperative Program did not create cooperation on the part of Baptist Churches; the desire of the New Testament churches to give the gospel to the world created the Cooperative Program, (Luke 24:45-48; Acts 1:8).
2. It is rooted in New Testament practices (II Cor. 8 and I Cor. 16:1-3).
3. It is the product of generations of the best Baptist leadership.
4. It gives hope for the future.

The Moderator, the Convention's General Board member, our Superintendent of Missions, and your Cooperative Program Representative in this association, plus your Regional Cooperative Program Consultant and R. Tom Greene of the Baptist State Convention office are delighted to offer friendly service to aid your aim of increased Cooperative Program sharing. On your invitation we stand ready to assist in every possible way.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

A number of our churches met with Bethlehem Church in December and Miss Kathryn Bullard taught our Foreign Mission Book on Taiwan, having visited there when she went to the Baptist World Alliance made the book more interesting.

One of the highlights of the year was the Mission Fair the G .A.'s had at the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Barbarba Swearenger, from Patterson Avenue Center in Winston-Salem, told of the work at the center. The Mission Fair was the first for our association and we appreciate Mrs. Raymond White leading the Girls in Action.

Our Home Mission Book, THE DIACONIC TASK was taught by Mrs. Marvin Childers and was well attended.

Plans were made for our "Mission Emphasis" in the churches on October 10th. We are looking forward to a good response.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcella Hines

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Alexander Association met in regular session on the fifth Monday of November, March and August. It was recommended that the outside door to the wash room be closed and one be made from the inside to prevent freezing. This was ordered done, also that a section of shelves be built for the store room. Mr. Harrington has had this done.

Oliver Price, Marcella Hines and A. D. Lindsey were appointed as a

committee to act in regard to expressing in a tangible way our most sincere appreciation to Brother W. O. Warren for his faithful service as Clerk to the Association for the past 14 years.

Application for Ministerial aid were approved for Lanney Snyder and Ray Tester. The moderator was given authority to approve all application for this aid in the future.

The Committee approved a plan for the Annual Associational meeting by the Moderator for two morning sessions omitting the night session.

The committee voted to elect Mr. Lanny Smith, Sunday. School Director and Mr. Redge Chapman, Annuity Representative to replace Rev. Marvin Willis who moved from the Association and James Teague, deceased.

Rev. Marion Powell presented plans for a summer Youth worker for the Association. The committee approved the plans.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Harrington

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

We almost got here for the birthday party, this church will be one hundred years old in December but they celebrated with a homecoming last month. A large number of members with their families and friends enjoyed the anniversary on September 19, 1971.

Meeting in this beautiful sanctuary today, we look back to former times. The church first held services in a building made of logs. One historian stated that Brother Jeffie Bumgarner preached here for some time under a brush arbor and said he could depend on three men always to be present, one was deaf, one was blind, one had a wooden leg.

The beginning of this present building was in 1950 when Atwell E. Watts was pastor. The educational building was begun in 1961 under I. V. Couch's leadership. Since Olive Price has served as pastor the sanctuary was remodeled and enlarged, a choir room and more educational space added in 1966. The parking lot was paved in 1971 as a memorial to Hal Teague and 2½ acres of land adjoining the church was purchased.

In addition to the progress on the material equipment, the years since we last met here in 1963, show spiritual advancement. Three young men from this congregation are preparing for Christian service. Dan Snyder is in a Southern Baptist Seminary, Richard Moretz has been licensed to preach and is a student at Gardner-Webb and Ray Ledford is preparing for the ministry at Gardner-Webb.

Lucy Echerd, Historian

MOUNTAIN RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

We're meeting today with the newest Baptist church in our Association. At the annual Alexander Association meeting on Thursday morning, October 12, 1967 at Liledoun. Motion was made by W. O. Warren, chairman of the Fellowship Committee, recommending for the committee that Mountain Ridge Baptist Church be received into the Association under the watch care of the Association for one year.

The church was started by groups meeting in the homes for prayer

service for months. Because of the number of people attending, services were then held in the Dempse Pennell old storehouse. The church was first non-denominational and had twelve charter members. From January 10, 1960 to April 30, 1967 Mountain Ridge was an independent Baptist Church. Then they voted to become Southern Baptist and to join the Alexander Baptist Association.

The first pastor was J. E. Walker, who served until May 23, 1965. Richard Bumgarner served to June 16, 1967, Finley McCurry to August 11, 1968. Ray Tester was called as pastor on August 25, 1968 and is ably serving at present. Mrs. Nellie Pennell was the first Church Clerk.

Land was donated for the church building by Mr. Dempse Pennell and construction was begun in April 1954. The first service was held in this building on August 13, 1955 with just a subfloor and heat from a wood stove. The furnace was installed in 1960.

In 1968, Mr. Dempse Pennell gave an acre of property across the road for a church cemetery and it was cleared and sowed in grass. Last year a Pastor's study and rest rooms were added, the vestibule was built and the church was bricked.

The church membership was increased to 79, with ten baptized last year.

A church that is set upon a hill cannot be hid and these people have truly worked to make this church a light to the community.

Lucy Echerd, Historian

IN MEMORIAL

The following members of our churches have died since our last association meeting. May the Lord bless their memory to our good and His glory.

ANTIOCH—Mrs. Thomas Keller, Mr. J. C. Blair.

BETHLEHEM—Mr. Hal M. Teague, Deacon; Mrs. John Jones, Mr. Gaither Johnson.

BEULAH—Mrs. Ida Davis.

CALVARY—Mrs. Josie Bebber, Mr. John Munday.

LILEDOUN—Mr. Conley Mays, Mr. James Teague, Mrs. Maggie Fox, Mrs. Ada Bentley.

LITTLE RIVER—Mrs. Sue Teague, Mr. Espie Elder.

MACEDONIA—Mr. Lawrence Dagenhart, Deacon.

MILLERSVILLE—Mr. Burette Fox, Mrs. Myrtle Brookshire.

MOUNTAIN RIDGE—Mrs. Maude Pennell.

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Mr. Jay White, Miss Mary Hazel Caldwell.

MT. OLIVE—Mr. Dock Lowe.

PILGRIM—Mrs. Leck Gwaltney.

PLEASANT HILL—Mr. Alexander Jolly.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Mr. Lindsay Walker, Mrs. Lindsay Walker.

SMYRNA—Mrs. M. G. Bowman.

STONY POINT—Mrs. W. H. Norton, Mrs. P. O. Stewart, Mrs. Estelle Stokes, Mrs. Cleve Chapman, Mrs. R. L. Steel.

TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Mrs. Agnes Goodnight, Mr. Bill James, Mr. Richard Robinette.

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—Mr. Roby Thomas, Mr. Loomis Lackey, Mr. J. Monroe Childers, Mrs. J. L. Watts.

Table A — CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION

CHURCHES	PASTORS NAME AND ADDRESS	Year organized as a church	Services held twice on Sunday? Yes or No	Total Baptisms	Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)	Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	Present resident members	Present nonresident members	Grand total present members	No. members received from non-Baptist denominations	No. members lost to non-Baptist denominations	Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	Value of Church property incl. pastor's home	Total church de't at end of this assoc. year
Antioch		1826	Yes	10	2	8	396	89	485	0	0	40,000	300,000	7,314
Bethlehem	Oliver C. Price, Route 1, Taylorsville	1871	Yes	14	13	7	392	50	442	4	1	30,000	280,000	26,236
Beulah	James Meacham, Taylorsville	1916	Yes	2	12	4	150	20	186	0	0	25,000	65,000	6,000
Calvary	Henkle Little, Taylorsville	1948	Yes	20	10	133	183	29	212	0	0		200,000	
Hiddenite	Eugene Warrick, Hiddenite	1915	Yes	7	8	8	118	41	230	0	0	30,000	67,000	
Lebanon	Roy Jester, Route 4, Taylorsville	1884	Yes	12	1	2	79	33	122	0	0	24,000	42,390	5,000
Liledoun	Gary Blackburn, Taylorsville	1906	Yes	0	6	20	321	134	455	0	1	22,000	152,000	
Linney's Grove	William Nicholson, Route 1, Hiddenite	1895	No	20	7	2	174	36	210	1	0	35,000	100,000	15,000
Little River	Authur Jenkins, Route 2, Taylorsville	1792	No	6	1	7	180	9	189	0	0		40,000	
Macedonia	Horace Moree, Route 3, Taylorsville	1840	No	2	11	10	158	68	226	0	1	30,000	115,000	
Millersville	D. L. Bumgarner, Route 3, Taylorsville	1923	Yes	16	13	9	179	53	232	0	0			
Mount Herman	Raymond White, Route 2, Taylorsville	1912	Yes	8	4	4	224	52	276	0	0	23,000	115,000	
Mount Olive	Grady Kerley, Route 5, Taylorsville	1865	No	8	5	3	193	0	193	0	0			
Mountain Ridge	Ray Tester, Route 2, Taylorsville	1954	Yes	10	4	2	78	1	79	2	0		40,000	4,003
Oxford Memorial		1942	Yes	13	9	4	192	48	240	0	0	18,000	68,000	13,812
Pilgrim	Phil N. Chapman, Route 3, Taylorsville	1837	No	16	2	10	183	32	215	0	0		100,000	
Pleasant Hill	H. I. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville	1852	No	8	3	5	214	36	250	0	0		38,000	
Poplar Springs	Devon Dyson, Route 2, Taylorsville	1872	No	4	5	3	202	46	248	0	0		75,000	3,500
Smyrna	Ray Shumate, Route 1, Taylorsville	1923	Yes	9	7	7	119	78	197	0	2	20,000	50,000	12,000
Stony Point	Henry C. Cook, Stony Point	1909	Yes	9	14	9	297	56	357	2	0	17,600	139,495	91,194
Taylorsville, East		1924	Yes	14	19	18	444	100	544	0	0	35,000	220,000	23,500
Taylorsville, First		1851	Yes	20	34	38	571	132	703	0	3	35,000	365,000	100,131
TOTALS				228	190	313	5047	1143	6291	9	8	384,600	2,571,885	307,690

Table B — THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS NAME AND ADDRESS	Preschool enrolment (5 years and under)	Children enrolment (6-11 years)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years)	Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years)	Adult enrolment (30-59 years)	Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over)	Adults Away enrolment	Homebound Units enrolment	General Officers enrolment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing enrolment	Average weekly Sunday School attendance	Kindergarten and day care enrolment	Weekday Bible study enrolment	Church V. B. S.	Total V. B. S. enrolment
Antioch	Larry Crouch, Route 1, Granite Falls	66	62	62	46	81	24	7	22	4	0	374	207	0	0	122	122
Bethlehem	Lemar Lovell, Route 1, Taylorsville	48	74	56	68	68	21	6	0	8	0	349	219	0	0	110	110
Beulah	Steve Lackey, Route 3, Taylorsville	9	12	14	19	53	16	0	0	4	0	127	89	0	0	69	69
Calvary	Dennis Dyson, P. O. Box 254, Taylorsville	27	22	67	26	41	63	0	0	0	0	296	246	0	0	0	0
Hiddenite	Herman Sherrill, Hiddenite	16	33	26	11	55	20	0	6	2	0	189	124	0	0	82	82
Lebanon	J. L. Brown, Jr., Route 4, Taylorsville	5	9	9	0	20	0	0	0	12	0	55	48	0	0	52	52
Liledoun	Graydon Dyson, Route 4, Taylorsville	36	65	37	53	54	46	0	0	3	0	294	207	0	0	190	190
Linney's Grove	Jimmy Millsaps, Route 5, Statesville	24	33	34	42	76	0	0	0	12	0	209	134	0	0	75	75
Little River	Kelly Morrison, Route 4, Taylorsville	17	15	30	14	26	7	0	0	3	0	112	94	0	0	83	83
Macedonia	Nesbie Cline, Route 1, Taylorsville	12	30	25	18	40	24	0	0	2	30	181	160	0	0	80	80
Millersville	Franklin Barber, Route 3, Taylorsville	18	22	13	36	26	0	0	0	0	0	115	86	0	0	85	85
Mount Herman	Eugene Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville	15	42	28	32	65	7	0	0	4	0	193	144	0	0	99	99
Mount Olive	Sam Wike, Route 4, Taylorsville	6	5	18	12	56	0	0	0	0	0	97	63	0	0	41	41
Mountain Ridge	David Pennell, Route 2, Taylorsville	12	7	5	15	15	4	0	0	0	0	58	58	0	30	54	54
Oxford Memorial	Dale Pennell, Route 2, Taylorsville	17	36	41	26	27	17	0	0	5	0	169	123	0	0	96	96
Pilgrim	Richard Bustle, Route 1, Moravian Falls	13	16	11	30	30	10	1	2	3	0	116	95	0	12	54	54
Pleasant Hill	Larry Teague, Route 4, Taylorsville	26	34	21	15	42	0	0	0	4	0	96	0	0	0	104	104
Poplar Springs	Ray Dagenhart, Taylorsville	3	14	35	35	50	35	0	0	4	0	176	138	0	0	78	78
Smyrna	Elbert Bostian, Route 3, Taylorsville	32	45	15	8	35	21	0	0	4	0	160	120	0	0	115	115
Stony Point	Roger Starnes, Route 2, Hiddenite	61	75	40	33	68	35	0	10	6	0	328	182	0	0	167	167
Taylorsville, East	Danny Chapman, Route 2, Hickory	42	40	39	26	42	29	0	0	3	0	222	130	0	0	129	129
Taylorsville, First	John Hemmings, Taylorsville	89	101	67	0	257	0	0	0	9	55	578	325	54	0	256	256
TOTALS		594	792	693	565	1227	379	14	40	92	85	4494	2992	54	42	2141	2141

Table C TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS NAME AND ADDRESS	Preschool enrolment (5 years and under)	Children enrolment (6-11 years)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years)	Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years)	Adult enrolment (30-59 years)	Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over)	General Officers enrolment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing enrolment	Average weekly Training Union attendance	New member Orientation Registration	New member Orientation Completed	Church Leader Training Registration	Church Leader Training Completed	Member Training Projects Registration	Member Training Projects Completed
Antioch	Mrs. Earl Teague, Route 2, Taylorsville	17	22	33	8	17	20	2	0	119	72	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bethlehem	Mrs. Horace Stafford, Route 1, Taylorsville	21	30	17	15	34	0	5	0	122	82	15	6	0	0	110	85
Hiddenite	Mrs. Eugene Warrick, P. O. Box 67, Hiddenite				8	15		3	0	26	19	4	4	0	0	0	0
Macedonia	Kenny Mitchell, Route 2, Hiddenite	4	4	10	14	20	0	2	3	52	50	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Herman	Kenneth Kerley, Route 4, Taylorsville		21	8	14	23	0	2	0	68	50	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oxford Memorial	Dale Pennell, Route 2, Taylorsville		18	21	35	9	30	4	0	130	93	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smyrna	Mrs. Mary Ann Shumate, Route 3, Taylorsville	51	32	13	0	23	0	3	0	86	45	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylorsville, East	Zane Murdock, Hiddenite	9	16	12	49		4	3	0	93	52	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylorsville, First	Mrs. Marvel Reno, Taylorsville	13	19	18	11	67	16	3	0	147	94	35	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		115	162	132	154	208	70	29	3	843	557	54	10	0	0	110	85

Table D CHURCH MUSIC

CHURCHES	MUSIC DIRECTORS NAME AND ADDRESS	Preschool enrolment (5 years and under)	Children enrolment (6-11 years)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years)	Adult enrolment (18 and over)	General Officers enrolment	Total church music enrolment	Average weekly church music enrolment	Handbell ringers enrolment	Vocal ensemble enrolment	Instrumental ensembles enrolment	Church music study group enrolment
Antioch	Mrs. Robert Austin, Route 2, Taylorsville	0	20	12	20	0	52	30	0	0	0	0
Bethlehem	Mrs. Oliver Price, Route 1, Taylorsville	8	12	10	24	5	59	40	0	0	0	0
Beulah	Escar Bowman, Taylorsville	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calvary	Craig Little, P. O. Box 594, Taylorsville	35	40	20	50	4	149	120	0	23	60	25
Hiddenite	Mrs. Marie Houpe, Hiddenite	0	10	15	0	4	44	26	0	0	0	0
Lebanon	George Bumgarner, Route 4, Taylorsville	10	8	8	38	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liledoun	Roland Chapman, Route 2, Taylorsville	0	5	20	25		50	40	0	0	0	0
Linney's Grove	Wayne Hayes, Route 1, Hiddenite		No	Record								
Little River	Gary Jenkins, Route 2, Taylorsville		No	Record								
Macedonia	Redge Chapman, P. O. Box 132, Taylorsville	0	6	10	18	2	36					
Millersville	G. S. Hampton, Route 1, Taylorsville		No	Record								
Mount Herman	Mrs. Carol Mecimore, Route 3, Taylorsville	0	22	8	35	2	67					
Mount Olive	Mrs. Maynard Childers, Route 5, Taylorsville		No	Record								
Mountain Ridge	Mrs. Linda Stikeleather, Route 4, Taylorsville	7	10	2	20		39	35				
Oxford Memorial	Tommy Pennell, Route 2, Lenoir		No	Record								
Pilgrim	Elbert Mitchell, Route 1, Hiddenite	5	12	4	15	0	36	30				
Pleasant Hill	Roger Harrington, Route 2, Taylorsville		13	6	17	5	41	35				
Poplar Springs	Bulter Chapman, Route 4, Taylorsville		4	15	28	6	53					
Smyrna	Mrs. Palsy Daniels, Route 1, Taylorsville	8	6	10	20	4	48					
Stony Point	Mrs. Virgina Moore, 521 North Miller Ave., Statesville		19		22	5	46	32				
Taylorsville, East	Lanny Smith, P. O. Box 906, Taylorsville	15	35	25	25	8	108	25				
Taylorsville, First	Terry D. Childers, Taylorsville	26	54	21	37	5	143	101	30	4		
TOTALS		114	276	186	419	51	971	514	30	27	60	25

Table E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	WMU DIRECTORS NAME AND ADDRESS	Mission Friends (5 years and under—not in school)		Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)		Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)		Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)		Baptist Women (30 and over)			Total WMU	
		Number of organizations	Enrolment	Number of organizations	Enrolment	Number of organizations	Enrolment	Number of organizations	Enrolment	Number of organizations	Enrolment	WMU officers Enrolment	Number of organizations	Enrolment
Antioch	Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Rt. 2, Taylorsville	1	10	1	7	1	9	1	23	1	23	7	5	79
Bethlehem	Miss Emilyn Wagner, Rt. 1, Taylorsville			2	16	1	5			1	10	1	4	31
Hiddenite	Miss Marcella Hines, Hiddenite	1	7	1	11	1	10			1	33		4	61
Lebanon	Mrs. Roy Jester, Rt. 4, Taylorsville									1	10		1	10
Macedonia	Mrs. Lewis Mecimore, Rt. 3, Taylorsville			1	12	1	12	1	4	2	10		5	38
Mount Herman	Mrs. Lona Deal, Rt. 2, Taylorsville			2	20			1	5	2	18		5	44
Mountain Ridge				1	10								1	10
Mount Olive	Mrs. Grady Kerley, Rt. 5, Taylorsville									1	8		1	8
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Odell Reid, Rt. 2, Lenoir									1	21		1	21
Smyrna	Mrs. Odeena Bostian, Rt. 3, Taylorsville									1	27			27
Stony Point	Mrs. A. D. Lindsey, Rt. 2, Stony Point	1	18	1	13			1	7	1	11		4	53
Taylorsville, First	Mrs. Aaron Spry, Taylorsville	1	15	2	25	1	5			1	50	4	5	99
TOTALS		4	50	11	104	5	41	4	39	13	221	12	36	481

Table F — BROTHERHOOD

CHURCHES	BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS NAME AND ADDRESS	Crusaders (6-11 years)	Pioneers (12-17 years)	Baptist Men enrolment (30-59 years)	General Officers enrolment	Total Brotherhood enrolment
Antioch	Jarel Icenhour, Route 1 Taylorsville, N. C.	8	5	15		28
Bethlehem	Jerry Palmer, Route 1, Taylorsville, N. C.	16	14			30
Hiddenite	Gerald Goble, Hiddenite, N. C.	10			2	12
Stony Point	A. D. Lindsey, Route 2, Stony Point, N. C.	32	8	24	6	70
Taylorsville, First	Giles Scott, Taylorsville, N. C.	8	6	55	3	72
TOTALS		74	33	94	11	212

Table G — TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP

CHURCHES	TREASURERS NAME AND ADDRESS	Number of tithers	Cooperative prog. goal as percent of total budget	Assoc. missions goal as percent of total budget	Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts	All other receipts	Total receipts	Money borrowed during the year	Church staff salaries	Money paid out on new construction during year	Debt retirement during the year	All other local expenditures	Total local expenditures
Antioch	C. A. Caldwell, Taylorsville	135			45,213		45,213		6,225		7,000	5,700	18,925
Bethlehem	Billy E. Hefner, Rt. 1, Taylorsville	90	25	3	58,129		58,129	5,900	12,112	12,525	19,374	13,320	57,331
Beulah	Nancy Deal, Rt. 3, Taylorsville	25	1	1	16,217		16,217		6,108	1,450	5,083	2,540	15,191
Calvary	Dwight Warren, Taylorsville	70			41,007	1,084	42,091		11,750	20,000		10,975	42,725
Hiddenite	Gerald Goble	55	12	2	23,804		23,804	2,200	7,950	4,969		6,789	19,708
Lebanon	Mrs. Ralph Watts, Rt. 4, Taylorsville	30			14,034		14,034		6,585	3,940	1,387	2,269	14,181
Liledoun	Mrs. Max Gant, Rt. 5, Taylorsville				38,044		38,044		8,673	5,210		6,627	20,510
Linney's Grove	Bobby R. Millsaps, Rt. 1, Hiddenite				14,469		14,469	15,000	4,386	15,222		2,497	22,106
Little River	Mrs. Joe McDuffie, Rt. 4, Taylorsville		10		14,863		14,863		7,240	3,595		3,164	14,000
Macedonia	Mrs. Conrad Fox, Rt. 3, Taylorsville	66			27,953	1,229	29,182		5,740	5,330		13,413	24,483
Millersville	Mrs. Christine Fox, Rt. 1, Taylorsville	25	10		13,894		13,894		6,220			4,898	11,118
Mount Herman	Willard Meadlock, Rt. 2, Taylorsville	35	4		31,460	37	31,497		8,585			12,095	20,685
Mount Olive	Mrs. Theron Beaman, Rt. 4, Taylorsville				13,006		13,006		4,800	543		1,937	7,280
Mountain Ridge	Arthur Keller, Rt. 2, Taylorsville	20	10	1	10,752		10,752	6,000	3,247	10,882	2,338	841	17,308
Oxford Memorial	Pender Caldwell, Rt. 2, Taylorsville		7.5	1.5	32,647	24	32,671		7,085	7,467	1,800	7,529	23,881
Pilgrim	Glynn Gwaltney, Rt. 1, Hiddenite	12			12,506		12,506		3,705	200	2,895	2,647	9,447
Pleasant Hill	Vaughn Kerley, Moravian Falls	14			16,472		16,472		6,200			7,455	12,355
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Rt. 4, Taylorsville	40	10		32,323		32,323	5,000	12,098	9,470	1,500	7,273	30,341
Smyrna	Miss Ruby Teague, Rt. 1, Taylorsville	40	10	4	22,558	99	22,657	12,000	5,271	9,244		5,643	20,158
Stony Point	Mrs. R. L. McKittrick, Stony Point		10	3	40,147		40,147		14,400	637	9,761	12,270	37,098
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. Mary Connolley, Rt. 3, Taylorsville	75			48,940		48,940	24,200	17,396	331	6,000	10,800	34,527
Taylorsville, First	George Miller, Taylorsville	277	13	3	84,150	20,395	104,546	16,625	23,705	23,684	17,000	44,804	109,195
TOTALS		1,009			**652,588**	22,868	675,456	86,925	189,481	134,699	74,138	185,486	582,553

Table H — MISSION EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS NAME AND ADDRESS	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions Program	Designated: State missions	Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong offering)	Designated: SBC Foreign Missions (incl. Lottie Moon offering)	Designated: Christian education (schools, etc.)	Designated: Children's homes (cash plus goods)	Designated: Hospitals	Designated: Homes for the aged	Designated: All other (Bible Society, Temperance League, etc.)	Total Cooperative mission expenditures	Grand Total Mission Expenditures
Antioch	Mrs. Blayne Hollar, Rt. 2, Taylorsville	11,515	862	140	545	1,850	44	71	115	70	171	15,383	15,383
Bethlehem	Mrs. Billy E. Hefner, Rt. 1, Taylorsville	8,463	927	30	470	2,091		97	160		761	12,999	12,999
Beulah	Mrs. Elizabeth Hammer, Rt. 5, Taylorsville	19	156	104	24	42		240	31	22	44	683	683
Calvary	Mrs. Leona Lackey, Rt. 5, Taylorsville		100					100	100		730	1,030	1,030
Hiddenite	Bill Goble, Hiddenite	1,934	300	44	247	892	46	548	152	4	157	4,410	4,410
Lebanon	Mrs. James H. Watts, Rt. 4, Taylorsville	1,111	100	116	187	426		81	100	35	705	2,861	2,861
Liledoun	Mrs. Ernest Jenkins, Rt. 5, Taylorsville		100			7,699		2,498	2,442			12,739	12,739
Linney's Grove	Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, Rt. 1, Hiddenite		48			273	180	106	116		1,674	2,397	2,397
Little River	Edwin L. Teague, Rt. 4, Taylorsville	618	125	35		135		33			586	1,613	1,613
Macedonia	Mrs. Kermit Patterson, Rt. 1, Stony Point	850	225	130	223	961	130	225	155	160	395	3,454	3,454
Millersville	Miss Muriel Stafford, Rt. 1, Taylorsville	401	75		690	70		104		50		1,389	1,389
Mount Herman	Mrs. Florrie Kerley, Rt. 4, Taylorsville	1,040	225	314	578	2,138	204	674	238	347	200	5,958	5,958
Mount Olive	Mrs. Russell Deal, Rt. 5, Taylorsville	165	75	75	175	250		175	200	100	533	1,748	1,748
Mountain Ridge	Rayford Pennell, Rt. 5, Taylorsville	250	150		50	135	50	75	70	50		855	855
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Inez Haney, Rt. 2, Lenoir	2,326	459	14	66	185			27	39	555	3,581	3,581
Pilgrim	Lindsey Bumgarner, Rt. 1, Hiddenite		96	32	32	595		121	150		776	1,802	1,802
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Verna Jolly, Rt. 5, Taylorsville	102	200	70		1,228		274		114	414	2,402	2,402
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Rt. 4, Taylorsville	40	150			500		402	300	200		1,592	1,592
Smyrna	Mrs. Juanita Stafford, Rt. 1, Taylorsville	3,761	234	163	82	200		78	82	50	750	5,400	5,400
Stony Point	Mrs. Doris Jolly, P. O. Box 152, Stony Point	2,449	501	91	350	2,698		78	124	25		6,313	6,313
Tavlorsville, East	Mrs. Melinda Chapman, Rt. 2, Hickory	1,250	60	100	100	500	100	100	100	100		2,950	2,950
Taylorsville, First	Miss Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville	8,597	1,006	452	343	3,150	100	200	299	100	857	15,106	15,106
TOTALS		44,891	6,174	1,910	4,162	26,018	854	6,280	4,961	1,466	9,308	106,665	106,665

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CONSTITUTION OF THE ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE: We, the messengers of Missionary Baptist Churches in the County of Alexander, State of North Carolina, do hereby propose to establish and maintain the order and rules of a district Baptist Association in conformity to the following plan:

Article I. NAME

The name of the body shall be the Alexander Baptist Association.

Article II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's Kingdom and for the promoting of unity and growth among the churches related to the Association. To this end the Association will cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and their agencies in the work of Missions, Christian Education, and Social Service.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The Alexander Association shall be composed of the pastor and three messengers from each Missionary Baptist Church that voluntarily cooperates as the Alexander Baptist Association, the general officers of the Association, chairmen of standing committees, and the pastor and messengers from any church that may hereafter be recognized as a *cooperating* church by the Association.

Section 2: A *cooperating* church shall be defined as follows:

a. One that shares the missionary spirit of the Association,

b. Elects and sends messengers to the annual meeting,

c. Contributes financially to the work of the Association each year, and

d. Provides an annual report to the Association upon the forms provided by the Associational Clerk.

Section 3: Any church may sever its working relationships with the Association at any time it chooses. Likewise, the Association may refuse to continue recognition of a church as a cooperating church when for two consecutive years without sufficient reason that church does not meet the stipulations stated in Section 2, or when for any other reason, approved by the Association in annual session, a church is considered by intent and action to be a liability to the fellowship and work of the Association.

Section 4: Churches desiring to relate themselves to the Association in its work and fellowship may do so by adhering to the following procedure:

a. Make application to the Associational Fellowship Committee for recognition as a *cooperating* Baptist church, such application to be made at least three months before the annual meeting of the Association.

b. Furnish the Fellowship Committee the information required in the annual letter of churches to the Association, plus such other information as the Committee may request for properly evaluating the application.

c. Upon recommendation by the Fellowship Committee and approval by the Association in annual session a church may come under the watch care of the Association for a period of one year. At the end of one year of watch care relationship and upon recommendation of the Fellowship Committee and approval by the Association, a church may be recognized as a cooperating church eligible to all privileges and responsibilities of a church cooperating in the work of the Alexander Association.

d. During the period of watch-care relationship a church shall meet the stipulations of Section 2 above.

e. In the case of new churches which anticipate a working relationship with the Association, duly elected representatives of the proposed church shall consult with the Moderator and Fellowship Committee of the Association relative to the need for another church, its location, and its proposed ministry. Upon the recommendation of of the Fellowship Committee the Executive Committee shall authorize such other assistance as is requested by the church or deemed necessary by the Executive Committee in developing a cooperating Missionary Baptist Church.

Article IV. MEETINGS

Section 1: The Association shall meet annually on Wednesday after the third Sunday of October and continue for two days sessions or longer, as seems wise to the Committee on Order of Business—subject to the approval of the Association in session. The place of meeting shall be determined at the previous session.

Section 2: The associational year shall begin on October 1 and continue through September 30.

Section 3: The Executive Committee shall act for the Association between annual sessions. It shall meet quarterly and at any other time necessary to expedite associational business.

Article V. OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Alexander Association shall be the Associational Missionary—when there is one, Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Parliamentarian, Director of Training, and Three Trustees. These officers, except the Associational Missionary, shall be elected each year by the Association at its annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The Associational Missionary shall be called for an indefinite term of service, and may be called by the Association in annual session, or if necessary, by the Associational Executive Committee.

Section 2: Vacancies occurring in any office between sessions of the Association may be filled by the Executive Committee.

Article VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: It shall be the duty of the Associational Missionary to promote the whole missionary, educational, and social service program of the Association. He may serve as adviser to the officers, churches, committees, and departments of work of the Association. He shall work under the direction of and be subject to the authority of the Associational Missions Committee which shall in turn be subject to the Executive Committee. He shall exercise administrative supervision of all work assigned him by the Association, the Associational Executive Committee, or the Associational Missions Committee.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings of the body punctually at the appointed time, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall appoint in advance or at the opening session all necessary committees. Also, he shall serve as the presiding officer of the Executive Committee of the Association. His term of office shall be one year. He may not succeed himself after two consecutive terms of office.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence, and perform any other function delegated to him by the Moderator, the Association, or the Executive Committee.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep accurate and detailed records of the proceedings of the Association and superintend the printing and distributing of the same. He shall also keep accurate files of the printed minutes and have them bound at the order of the Association and delivered to the Associational office. The Clerk shall serve as Chairman of the Committee on Digest of Church Letters. He shall also keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Associational Executive Committee and serve as its official correspondent. He shall also serve as chairman of the Committee on Dedication of the Minutes.

Section 5: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by it and make a quarterly statement of the same.

Section 6: It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a historical sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and to record other facts of present and past history.

Section 7: It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to advise the Moderator upon points of order whenever necessary.

Section 8: It shall be the duty of the Trustees to serve as the legal officers of the Association, have responsibility for the maintenance of all property, and perform such other functions as may be delegated to them by the Association or the Executive Committee. Their term of office shall be for three years, with one member being elected each year.

Section 9: It shall be the duty of the Director of Training to consult with the Associational Calendar Committee in planning, promoting, and executing the Central Training School, and/or other such studies as the Executive Committee or Association shall authorize.

Section 10: It shall be the duty of the Director of Youth to correlate all youth activities of the Association, working with the Sunday School, Training Union, W.M.U. and Brotherhood.

Article VII. ORGANIZATION AND FINANCE

Section 1: An associational program of teaching, training, missions, stewardship, evangelism, and vocational guidance shall be promoted through the following departments of work: Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and Music. These departments of work shall have officers corresponding to those utilized in the local church and in the convention program of work.

Section 2: The expenses of the Association shall be defrayed by voluntary contributions from the churches, which contributions shall be sent regularly to the Associational Treasurer for that purpose.

Article VIII. COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1: To facilitate the transaction of the business of the Association and to undergird and implement the work of the various departments, the Moderator shall at each annual session appoint an Associational Committee on Nominations to serve for the following year. The Committee on Nominations shall be responsible for recommending to the Association at its next annual session all committees needed for carrying on associational work. All committees shall have three members unless otherwise specified.

Section 2: Committees shall serve for one year unless otherwise specified and shall be as follows:

a. *Nominations:* It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate all committees and officers called for by the constitution except for the Associational Missionary and the committee on Nominations. The committee on nominations will select first the Superintendent of Sunday School, Training Union Director, Brotherhood Director, Woman's Missionary Union Director, and Music Director and then

these will serve with the committee on Nominations in selecting all the other officers for presentation to the association for election.

The Nominating Committee shall, after consulting with the Moderator and outgoing member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention from our Association, be responsible for submitting a recommendation for his replacement as is necessary or invited. The Committee shall explain to the nominee some of his duties and responsibilities.

b. *Time, Place, and Preacher:* It shall be the duty of this committee to select the place of the next annual meeting, fix the time and name the preacher and alternate to preach the annual sermon. The committee shall serve until its successor is elected at the next annual session. In case of absolute necessity, the committee shall have the power to make substitutions for the time, place, and preacher. Such changes, where necessary and when possible to do so, shall be discussed with the Associational Executive Committee.

c. *Resolutions:* It shall be the duty of this committee to draw up and present to the Association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiment on any matter chosen by the committee or referred to it by the Association. This committee shall serve during the annual session only.

d. *Order of Business:* It shall be the duty of this committee to report a suggested order of business early in the opening session of the annual meeting of the Association. When adopted, its report shall become the order of the Association and cannot be changed except by vote of the majority of the body.

The Committee on Order of Business shall give a report of its plans to the Executive Committee at least one quarter before the annual session.

The host pastors of churches entertaining the annual session of the Association shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.

e. *Missions:* It shall be the duty of this committee to have general oversight of the work of the Associational Missionary; plan for, promote, and give guidance to the organization of new churches when and where practical; and provide information and make recommendations to the Association relative to missionary needs which might be met by cooperative effort. In event of a vacancy in the office of Associational Missionary, this committee will make recommendations to the Executive Committee as to a replacement.

f. *Fellowship:* It shall be the duty of this committee to consult with and make recommendations to the Association concerning any churches seeking to be affiliated with the work of the Association in accordance with the article on Membership.

g. *Evangelism:* It shall be the duty of this committee to devise ways and means of promoting evangelism in the churches of the Association.

h. *Finance:* It shall be the duty of this committee to plan and present to the Association a budget for the coming year. This committee shall also be responsible for promoting in the churches of the Association financial support for the Associational work.

i. *Music Education:* It shall be the duty of this committee to promote music in and through the churches, and to work with the committee on order of business in planning music for the annual meeting of the Association.

j. *Associational Calendar:* It shall be the duty of this committee to coordinate the activities of the Associational organizations and plan an associational calendar of activities. This committee shall be composed of the Associational Missionary, the Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Music Education Chairman, and Director of the Central Training School.

k. *Seminary Extension:* This committee shall be responsible for planning, promoting, and conducting Seminary Extension work among our churches.

l. *Dedication of Minutes:* This committee, with the Clerk of the Association as chairman, shall decide to whom the minutes shall be dedicated and shall be responsible for writing the dedication.

Article IX: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of all general officers of the Association listed in Article 5, the Sunday School Superintendent, Director of Training Union, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Chairman of Music Education, Chairman of all standing committees, the pastor of each church composing the Association, and one member from each church in the Association, which member shall be elected by the church he represents. Names of Executive Committee members from each church shall be sent by that church to the association in its annual letter.

Section 2: This committee shall meet quarterly and shall be presided over by the Moderator of the Association. The purpose of meeting shall always be to promote the interests of and carry forward the work of the Association and its member churches.

Section 3: In case of emergency, the Executive Committee may select a time and place and arrange for a special business session of the Association. Such a session shall be limited to the object for which it was convened. Membership of such a special business session shall be made up of messengers elected and accredited to the previous regular session.

Section 4: The Clerk shall make a report of Executive Committee proceedings to the Association in annual session. This report shall become a part of the Associational minutes.

Article X. RULES OF ORDER

Section 1: A majority of the enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2: Every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

Section 3: All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided by general parliamentary laws according to *Roberts Rules of Order.*

Article XI. CHANGE OR CHANGES

If and when a change in this constitution is desired or becomes necessary the proposed change or changes shall be presented to the constitution committee and then to the Executive Committee at least three months (one quarter) before the annual session, for study and consideration and then presented by the Constitution committee to the Association in annual session in October for the passage or rejection of proposed change or changes.

OXFORD MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday, October 18, 1972

Theme: PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SHARING THE WORD NOW in the Church, Community, County

9:30 Solo PEOPLE TO PEOPLE ..... Terry Childers
Scripture and Prayer ..... Gary Jennings
Welcome by Host Pastor ..... Otis Goins
Organization ..... Moderator
Roll Call of Churches ..... Clerk
Order of Business ..... D. L. Bumgarner
Recognition of Pastors and Visitors
Announcements and Appointment of Committees

10:05 Our Agencies at Work:
Baptist Hospital ..... Hinkle Little
N. C. Baptist Homes ..... James Meacham
Children's Homes ..... H. I. Johnson
Baptist Foundation ..... Raymond White
Baptist Annuity Board ..... Redge Chapman
Christian Education ..... Gary Lail
Bibical Recorder ..... Maurice Grant

10:45 Report of Executive Committee ..... Clerk
Recognition of Visitors and Announcements

11:00 Hymn—RISE UP O MEN OF GOD ..... No. 186
Our Association at Work:
Sunday School ..... Gene Linney
Vacation Bible School ..... Terry Childers
Church Training ..... Eugene Warrick

Woman Missionary Union ..... Miss Marcella Hines
Brotherhood ..... A. D. Lindsey
Evangelism ..... Horace Moree
Training School ..... Miss Emily Wagner
Music ..... Terry Childers

11:20 Historian's Report ..... Miss Lucy Echerd

11:25 Hymn—I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY
Annual Sermon ..... Horace Moree

12:00 Adjourn for Lunch
Prayer of Thanks ..... J. D. Whisinant

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Thursday, October 19, 1972

Theme: PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SHARING THE WORD NOW in the State, Nation, World

9:30 Solo PEOPLE TO PEOPLE ..... Terry Childers
Scripture and Prayer ..... Curtis White

9:45 Welcome by Host Pastor ..... H. I. Johnson
Announcements and Recognition of Visitors

9:55 Our Missions at Work:
Foreign Missions ..... Mrs. Ross Carrigan
Home Missions ..... Mrs. C. A. Caldwell
State Missions ..... Mrs. Kermit Patterson
Cooperative Program ..... Gerald Goble
Mission Message Missionary ..... Lanny Elmore

10:30 Hymn—HE KEEPS ME SINGING ..... No. 125
Memorial Service ..... Clerk
Historian's Report ..... Miss Lucy Echerd

10:50 Business Session:
Treasurer's Report ..... Joe McDuffie
Adoption of Budget ..... Rayford Rogers
Report of Committees: Time, Place, Preacher
Nomination, Resolutions
Election of Officers

11:25 Hymn—MORE ABOUT JESUS ..... No. 103
Inspirational Message ..... Robert Boggs
Hymn—BLESS BE THE TIE THAT BINDS
Adjourn for Lunch
Prayer of Thanks ..... Marshall Sargent

RECOMMENDATIONS OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1972-1973

GENERAL OFFICERS

General Board Representative ..... Raymond White
Moderator ..... A. D. Lindsey
Vice Moderator ..... C. D. Poole
Clerk ..... Mrs. Kenneth Kerley
Treasurer ..... Joe McDuffie
Historian ..... Miss Lucy Echerd
Director of Training ..... Miss Emilyn Wagner
Parliamentarian ..... Herman Johnson
Sunday School Director ..... Marshall Sargeant
WMU Director ..... Miss Marcella Hines
Brotherhood Director ..... A. D. Lindsey
Music Director
Church Training Director ..... Mrs. Marvel Reno

TRUSTEES

1974	*1973*	*1972*
Van Tarlton	Bill Goble	Blayne Hollar, *Chm.*

STANDING COMMITTEES

Missions

Eugene Warrick, *Chm.* — Roy Jester — Mrs. U. L. Hafer

Finance

Rayford Rogers, *Chm.* — Gerald Goble — Mrs. Theron Beaman

Evangelism

Horace Moree, *Chm.* — James Meacham — Grady Kerley

Time, Place, and Preacher

Kenneth Kerley, *Chm.* — Mrs. Earl Teague — Mrs. Butler Chapman

Order of Business

Robert Boggs, *Chm.* — Miss Lucy Echerd — Mrs. C. A. Caldwell

Constitution

Roy Jester, *Chm.* — Herman Johnson — Devon Dyson

Seminary Extension

Charles Carter, *Chm.* — Mrs. Eugene Meredith — Mrs. Jimmy Chapman

Fellowship

A. D. Lindsey, *Chm.* — Phill Chapman — Walter Harrington

Resolutions

Arthur Jenkins, Chm. — Lucy Echerd — Robert Boggs

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Children's Home ..... Herman Johnson
Hospital ..... Gary Jennings
Homes for the Aging ..... James Meacham
Association Missions ..... Walter Harrington
State Missions ..... Mrs. Kermit Patterson
Foreign Missions ..... Mrs. Robert Boggs
Home Missions ..... Mrs. Marshall Sargeant
Cooperative Program ..... Blayne Hollar
Baptist Foundation ..... Raymond White
Biblical Recorder ..... R. M. Grant
Christian Education ..... Thomas Stephens
Annuity ..... Ronald Rowe

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Director ..... Marshall Sargeant
Vacation Bible School Director ..... Marshall Sargeant
Secretary ..... Mrs. Everette Yoder

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

WMU Director ..... Miss Marcella Hines
Assistant WMU Director ..... Miss Lucy Thompson
Baptist Women Director ..... Mrs. Marvin Childers
Baptist Young Women Director ..... Mrs. Robert Austin
Girls in Action Director ..... Mrs. Raymond White
Acteens Director ..... Mrs. Eugene Warrick
Mission Friends Director ..... Miss Lucy Echerd
Secretary and Treasurer ..... Mrs. Kenneth Kerley

BROTHERHOOD

Director ..... A. D. Lindsay

MUSIC

Director .....

Respectfully submitted,
Terry D. Childers, *Chm.*
Arthur Jenkins
Mrs. Eugene Warrick

LIST OF MESSENGERS

ANTIOCH—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Mr. Willard Benfield.
BETHLEHEM—Mrs. Ola Lewis, Mrs. Irene Prevette, Mrs. Gertrude Hall.
BEULAH—James Meacham, Henry Hepler.
CALVARY—Earnest James, Mrs. Betty Murphy, Mrs. Shelby McDaniel.
HIDDENITE—Mrs. Gerald Goble, Mrs. Marvin Childers, Glen Gooden.
LEBANON—Rev. Roy Jester, Rev. J. D. Whisnant.
LILEDOUN—James Lackey,, Mrs. Johnsie Dyson, Mrs. Addie Dagenhart.
LINNEY'S GROVE—D. F. Bowles, Pleas McLain, Kent Bowles.
LITTLE RIVER—Ed Teague, Dixie Jenkins, Louise Chapman.
MACEDONIA—Lovella Warren, Lola Mahaffey, Peggy Kerr.
MILLERSVILLE—Mrs. Belle Stafford, Mrs. Annie Mae Rector,
Mrs. Ethel Fox.

MT. HERMAN—Mrs. Dico Kerley, Mrs. Sue Milstead, Mrs. Kathryn Bowman.
MT. OLIVE—Doyene Lowe, Melba St. Clair, Mrs. Mary Belle Pearson.
MOUNTAIN RIDGE—Atwell Pennell, Arthur Keller, Donnie Stikeleather.
OXFORD MEMORIAL—Odell Reid, Jim Pennell, Effie Caldwell.
PILGRIM—Lindsey Bumgarner, R. L. Baity, Comer Bowles.
PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Verna Jolly, Mrs. Phyllis Teague, Mrs. Henry Burke.
POPLAR SPRINGS—Mrs. Roy Rogers, Mrs. Devon Dyson, Mrs. Russell Walker.
SMYRNA—Mrs. Susie Barkley, Mrs. Ann Denny, Mrs. Mary Ann Shuemate.
STONY POINT—Mrs. A. D. Lindsey, Mrs. Vance Stikeleather, Mrs. Marshall Sargent.
TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Gary Jennings, Mrs. Wren Carrigan, Linney White.
TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—Mrs. Butler Chapman, Mrs. Ethel Hafer, Miss Daisy Ingram.

PROCEEDINGS

EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

Wednesday Morning—October 18, 1972

1. The Eighty-Fifth Annual Session convened on October 18, 1972 at 9:30 o'clock at the Oxford Memorial Baptist Church with C. D. Pool, vice-moderator presiding in the absence of the moderator.
2. Frank Stietle from Mississippi sang a solo "People To People."
3. Gary Jennings led the morning devotions with scripture and prayer.
4. Rev. Otios Goins, host pastor welcomed the session to Oxford Memorial.
5. The clerk called the roll of churches, 21 of the 22 churches were represented.
6. D. L. Bumgarner moved the adoption of business. Walter Harrington seconded, voted on and approved.
7. All pastors and guests were recognized at this time.
8. The vice-moderator appointed the nominating committee for 1972-73 as follows: Otis Goins, Chm., Raymond White and Eugene Warrick.
9. The vice-moderator called attention to the reports of our agencies at work. Each representative moved the adoption of his report. In the absence of Redge Chapman, D. L. Bumgarner moved the adoption of the Annuity report. In the absence of Gary Lail, H. I. Johnson moved the adoption of Christian Education and gave an additional report from Campbell College, the Clerk moved the adoption of the Executive Committe in the absence of the moderator. Walter Harrington moved the adoption of the Biblical Recorder report. These motions were voted on and approved. Tommy Wingler spoke for Wingate College, Jerry Huitt spoke for the Baptist Hospital, Coyte Privette spoke for Biblical Recorder, Fred Barnes spoke for Baptist Homes.

10. Lanny Smith led the congregation in singing "Have Faith In God."
11. The vice-moderator asked the Promotional Secretary to call attention to our Association at work. H. I. Johnson moved adoption of reports, voted on and approved.
12. Lucy Echerd gave the History of the Oxford Memorial Baptist Church.
13. Coyte Privette gave a report on what the Christian Action League is and gave the session some facts about the things that take place in our General Assembly.
14. Lanny Smith led the congregation in singing "I Love to Tell the Story."
15. Horace Moree brought the Annual Message. Scripture taken from Acts 2 and Matthew 16. "We Need the Things the Early Church Had."
16. Prayer of Thanks for the noon meal was led by J. D. Whisnant.

Thursday Morning

17. The session was called to order by the moderator A. D. Lindsey and the congregation sang "My Faith Looks Up To Thee."
18. Thomas Stevens led in the morning devotions with scripture and prayer.
19. H. I. Johnson, host pastor welcomed the session to Pleasant Hill.
20. Announcements were made, pastors and visitors were recognized. The clerk recognized Mrs. Roy Rogers who had been church clerk of the Poplar Springs Church for 31 years and has resigned her position this year.
21. Attention was called to "Our Missions At Work" Mrs. C. A. Caldwell spoke for Home Missions. H. I. Johnson made motion to accept the Foreign Mission and the Cooperative reports and Horace Moree made motion we accept the State Mission report. This was voted on and approved.
22. Lanny Elmore, missionary to Ugandee brought a Mission Message.
23. The congregation sang "He Keeps Me Singing."
24. The Clerk led in a Memorial Service for the members who had passed away since the last session. Raymond White led a memorial prayer.
25. Lucy Echerd gave the history of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.
26. The recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Financial Statement for the year were approved.
27. Raymond White made a motion that the Board of Trustees have the authority to see that some needed repairs and upkeep of the grounds at our associational office be done and that the Finance Committee be instructed to place in budget funds for this purpose. Grady Kerley seconded, voted on and approved.
28. The moderator called attention to the different Committee reports, Eugene Warrick moved the adoption of the nominating Committee report listed elsewhere. Walter Harrington moved the adoption of the Time, Place and Preacher report, listed elsewhere. Grady Kerley moved we accept the Resolutions Committee report, listed elsewhere. These were seconded, voted on and approved.
29. Horace Moree asked for discussion of his amendments to the Constitution that were presented at the last annual session and referred to the Constitution Committee and the Executive Committee. The clerk read the amendments as stated by Mr. Moree and then read the Constitution

Committee report as given to the Executive Committee and approved by same, as follows: "The Constitution Committee wished to leave Article IV as stated in Constitution and that we reject the amendment to Article IV and that Article XI be added to constitution with the following changes.

1. That change or changes be referred to Constitution Committee and then to Executive Committee.
2. That these be presented to the Association at the annual meeting by the Constitution Committee.

Walter Harrington made motion we accept this and H. I. Johnson seconded, voted on and approved.

30. Eugene Warrick gave Missions report listed elsewhere, and stated that the Missions Committee of the Alexander Association makes the recommendation that this Association co-sponsor this new Baptist Mission work in the Lake Hickory area.

31. Raymond White made amendment to motion as follows:

That this mission be established with a purpose to evangelize, promote missions (home and foreign), educate its membership in New Testament doctrine and offer pastoral leadership to the surrounding community. This mission will use Southern Baptist literature furnished by the Association and will support all objects of our work as Baptist according to its ability. This mission will work in sympathy and purpose with the Alexander Association and make quarterly reports to the Executive Committee as to its progress and needs. This report terminating when the mission is organized into a church. That the missions committee for our Association draw up guidelines for membership in this new work based upon what we believe and practice as New Testament Churches, namely, Salvation by Grace and Baptism by immersion only and other relevant teachings of the New Testament that the work may have a solid foundation. Roy Jester moved amendment be accepted, H. I. Johnson seconded, approved with no opposition. The motion was made by D. L. Bumgarner to accept the missions committee recommendation as amended. Walter Harrington seconded. This was voted on and approved.

32. Roy Jester made motion that Stanley Fry be authorized by the Association to be the pastor of this new mission. Grady Kerley seconded, voted on and carried.

33. Thomas Stevens made motion that trustees be instructed to buy two acres of land from Stanley Fry immediately. Roy Jester seconded, voted on and passed.

34. The alloted time for scheduled program was gone and Walter Harrington moved we extend the time so that the morning message could be brought. H. I. Johnson seconded motion. The vote carried.

35. Robert Boggs, pastor of First Church brought a message on Prayer.

36. The congregation sang "Bless Be The Tie."

37. A. D. Lindsey led the prayer of thanks for the noon meal and the Eighty-Fifth Session came to a close.

Respectfully submitted,
Florrie Kerley, *Clerk*

ANNUAL STATEMENT

October 1, 1971 — September 30, 1972

INCOME:	
Antioch	$ 756.00
Bethlehem	1,124.18
Beulah	52.00
Calvary	100.00
Hiddenite	325.00
Lebanon	100.00
Liledoun	100.00
Linney's Grove	63.00
Little River	125.00
Macedonia	225.00
Millersville	100.00
Mt. Herman	250.00
Mt. Olive	75.00
Mt. Ridge	125.00
Oxford Memorial	437.97
Pilgrim	96.00
Pleasant Hill	251.35
Poplar Springs	200.00
Smyrna	1,277.64
Stony Point	543.90
Taylorsville, East	305.06
Taylorsville, First	968.24
Alexander County Fair	25.00
	$7,625.34
Bal. on hand 10/1/71	2,059.62
TOTAL	$9,684.96

EXPENSE:	
Salary	$1,338.00
Office Expense	590.22
Utilities	216.09
Equipment	51.45
Associational Min.	853.12
Miscellaneous	15.35
Sunday School	
Training Union	61.17
Evangelism	
Music	46.49
Brotherhood	
W.M.U.	20.00
Central Training S.	273.19
Seminary Extension	
Association Speaker	25.00
Youth	132.26
Visual Aid	
V. B. S.	116.28
Travel	190.00
Convention	173.60
Fire Insurance	66.30
Missions	335.07
	$4,503.59
Bal. on hand 9/30/72	5,181.37
TOTAL	$9,684.96

Respectfully submitted,
Joe McDuffie, *Treasurer*

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1972-73

1.	Salary and Travel Expense	$1,500.00
2.	Convention Expense	150.00
3.	Office Expense	500.00
4.	Utilities	200.00
5.	Equipment	150.00
6.	Associational Minutes	900.00
7.	Miscellaneous	150.00
8.	Fire Insurance	75.00
9.	Sunday School	175.00
10.	Training Union	225.00
11.	Evangelism	100.00

12.	Music	50.00
13.	Brotherhood	175.00
14.	W. M. U.	175.00
15.	Central Training School	350.00
16.	Seminary Extension	300.00
17.	Associational Speaker	100.00
18.	Youth	500.00
19.	Visual Aid	50.00
20.	Vacation Bible School	100.00
		$5,925.00

Respectfully submitted,
Finance Committee:
Rayford Rogers, *Chm.*
Mrs. Theran Beaman
Gerald Goble

MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

To begin with, I would like to give you a little background information to the recommendation that will be presented by the missions committee of this association.

Reverend Stanley Fry stated that he had observed the way the Lake Hickory area was growing as many homes were being built and families were moving into the area. Then he felt led by God to start a Baptist work in the area. He then wrote Dr. Howard Ford who is the secretary of our state missions department of our convention and told him about his feelings. Dr. Ford then sent Mr. Roy Smith to the area and Mr. Smith, Stanley Fry, Walter Harrington and myself looked the area over. After viewing the area Mr. Smith stated that he was very much impressed with the need in the area for a new Baptist work to begin and suggested that the association take a religious census of the area in order to find out how many families lived in the area who are either Baptist or are not attending church anywhere. The mission committee brought the matter before the executive committee of our association and a motion was made and passed that a religious census be taken of the area. As a result of the census, it was discovered that approximately 75 families were located in the area. The missions committee brought this report before the executive committee and they referred it to the annual meeting.

I might add that since the executive committee meeting, the missions committee met with Dr. Ford and he suggested the following things: First of all, he stated that as a result of talking with Mr. Smith and as a result of the census report that he was very much impressed with the possibilities of beginning a baptist work in the Lake Hickory area. He stated that if a Baptist work was not started in such a growing area, that some other denomination would begin a work sooner or later. Dr. Ford said that in order to begin a Baptist work it would be best to find a church that would be willing to sponsor it. Therefore, the mission committee asked for a church in the association to volunteer to sponsor a new work. As a result of this invitation, the First Baptist of Taylorsville agreed to co-sponsor a new work with the association. By co-sponsoring the new work, the First Church would gladly

receive all new converts and members that came into the mission until the mission was constituted into a church. The First Church stated that she would not assume the responsibility of fully financing the new work but would give some along with the other churches of the association.

Dr. Ford stated that when it could be arranged that the new work could be supported through the associational budget, but in the meantime the churches in the association would have to support it through free will offerings. Dr. Ford said that the state convention would financially support the new work by providing pastoral aid which would amount to approximately $100 per month. He also suggested that the sponsoring church as well as the missions committee should provide leadership and guidance for the new work until it became a church.

Now in regard to the real estate for the new Baptist Work, Stanley Fry has already purchased two acres of land for $2,000 in an ideal location. The lot that he has purchased has 190 feet of road frontage which is 500 feet deep and 200 feet wide in the rear. Also, additional land can be purchased as needed. Dr. Ford suggested that the association buy the land from Mr. Frye and then when the new work became a church, the property would be deeded to the new church. Also in event the new work would withdraw from the association, the property would revert back to the association. Dr. Ford also stated that when a building was needed that the state convention would loan the association $7,500 with low interest rates.

Respectfully submitted,
Eugene Warrick, *Chm.*
Roy Jester
Ethel Hafer

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Be it hereby resolved by the Resolutions Committee of the eighty-fifth annual session of the Alexander Baptist Association has seen fit:

First, to our Heavenly Father, we give thanks for His guidance and Blessing during the year and for any progress we have made, to God be the Glory.

Second, to all of those who gave time and effort to make the program of this Associational meeting a success, we offer our gratitude. Through the inspiration of the messages, we shall strive to better serve God and our fellow men.

Third, to the Pastors and people of the fine congregations of Oxford Memorial and Pleasant Hill churches, we appreciate even the smallest effort which made us feel welcome and comfortable. The fellowship was wonderful and the meals delicious.

Fourth, we reaffirm our resolution adopted by the seventy-eighth annual session, in opposition to the establishment of liquor stores and sale of alcoholic beverages. We continue to encourage Christians to do all in their power to abolish the evils of liquor and drugs. This resolution continue to be re-affirmed annually and published in our local newspapers, and that the cost of such publication be paid for from our associational funds.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Jenkins, *Chm.*
Lucy Echerd
Robert Boggs

TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER REPORT

The Eighty-Sixth Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association will be held on October 24, 1973 at the Little River Baptist Church and on October 25, 1973 at the Linney's Grove Baptist Church. The annual message will be brought by Rev. Marshall Sargent and the alternate preacher will be Eugene Warrick.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Kerley, *Chm.*
Mrs. Thelma Deal

BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT TO ASSOCIATIONS

The distinctiveness of Baptist Hospital's ministry lies not alone in its care for charity patients, but also in the type of service it renders to all its patients, and to many other people throughout our state and nation and around the world.

As an academic Medical Center it is engaged in research and in education, as well as direct patient care. The ministry through research is far-reaching since new discoveries in medicine offer new hope to people everywhere. The educational ministry also extends around the world, since graduates of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine serve in 88 counties of North Carolina, in 47 states and the District of Columbia, and in 25 different countries. Alumni of the School of Pastoral Care serve in almost every state and in 39 other countries.

The quality of direct patient care provided at Baptist Hospital is distinct in at least two respects. First, it is a specialized type of medical care, provided for referral patients who have rare or complicated medical problems. Because of the highly-skilled specialists in almost every area of medicine, and the elaborate equipment available for diagnosis and treatment, we are able to provide the kind of care which is available only in a large medical center. Ours is one of only 108 such medical centers in the United States.

In addition to offering this kind of medical expertise, a second distinctive of our patient care is the Christian concern for the total person with all his needs. This spirit is found among physicians, nurses, aides, and other personnel throughout the Center. The Department of Pastoral Care seeks to minister specifically to the spiritual and emotional needs of patients and their families.

Baptist Hospital does continue to serve patients who cannot pay for their hospital care. Even with the tightening of admission policies and procedures, only one person in twelve months—i.e., one in approximately 17,000 applications for admissions—was not helped. In 1971, charitable allowances amounting to $1,370,000 were issued to patients unable to pay in full. The Mother's Day Offering of $371,000 helped make this charity work possible.

The hospital takes pride in its record of charitable work, but would like to help our Baptist people to understand that there are aspects of its work also which justify its existence as an institution of our Convention and make it worthy of the support of our churches.

The operating deficit has been eliminated and the hospital is now operating "in the black."

The new patient tower is being completed and some departments have already moved into the lower levels. Complete occupation should take place

by January, 1973. One additional unit, a two story unit housing the emergency room and out-patient clinic is scheduled to be completed by 1973. This will conclude the present development program.

"A Medical Care ministering with the skill and understanding" is not just a letterhead slogan; it is a goal which Baptist Hospital seriously strives to attain.

Respectfully submitted,
Hinkle Little

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to the Lord and to you that we bring this report on our Baptist home for 1972.

This has been the best year that we have ever had in our twenty-one years. The special offering for the homes and support through the Co-operative Program reflect an encouraging increase. Through these two vital sources, the Homes during the past year derived almost 30% of the total operating budget in the care of the residents and patients, with 20% coming from the offering, and 10% through the Co-operative Program. The most significant fact about this support from our Baptist people is that the majority of the residents in the homes are persons with real financial needs, and these love gifts are used for their care. In fact, these gifts are a lifeline to the residents, and they could not be maintained without them. The greatest challenge to our Baptist people is to continue to increase the special offering from year to year, and thus keep pace with the needs of the residents who depend so greatly on it.

Our Baptist Homes now operate five resident homes, with two located in Winston-Salem, one in Albemarle, Hamilton, and Yanceyville. These homes have a capacity for 162 residents. In addition, there is a Nursing Care Unit, located in Winston-Salem, with a capacity for 63 patients. In these homes we specialized in tender loving care and do not know of any place this side of Heaven, and outside of one's home, where a person can receive more compassionate Christian care.

Of great significance during the past year, in May, was the dedication of the York Wing of the Nursing Care Unit. This wing, accommodating 18 additional patients was completed in November, 1971 and named in honor of Judge and Mrs. William York of Greensboro. He and Mrs. York gave $80,000. for the construction of this new Wing, and the additional money needed was raised by the Trustees of the Homes. With this new addition, The Baptist Homes have been able to receive some few persons on a limited basis only, directly as patients. The majority of the beds in the nursing care unit are used for the residents of the five Homes, when nursing care becomes necessary. We are glad that the base of our operation has been broadened to include a ministry to the aging sick person, and we can only hope that we will move forward and be able to receive more patients in the years ahead.

Ministry to an older person is a direct ministry to Christ and is one of the finest things that North Carolina Baptist are doing. Be glad that you are a Baptist, and be grateful for the part that you are having in making the life of an aging person more abundantly and more secure.

Respectfully submitted,
James W. Meacham

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

For the past eighty-seven years, North Carolina Baptists and their Children's Homes have cooperated in a program of Christian child care. This relationship has been characterized, on the part of the agency, by a sensitivity to real needs and a commitment to the best in child care. On the part of North Carolina Baptists, there has been a lasting commitment to child care expressed in generous and enthusiastic support of the agency's ministry.

This annual report finds the agency vigorously pursuing its basic purpose. Changing patterns of family life and the involvement of government in social ministries profoundly affect the number of children needing our care and the types of care needed. More and more we are being asked to serve children with special needs beyond neglect and dependency; emotional alienation from family; trouble with the court; borderline retardation; emotional disturbance which requires professional treatment. The urgency of the present and the challenge of the future is to find effective patterns of care for these children.

The Baptist Children's Homes will not be content to provide minimal care only. We are committed to quality care which serves the whole person, providing the experiences and relationships which can enable the child to develop his full potential. Quality care costs. It makes heavy demands on the individual staff members for the number of children served. It necessitates the purchase of special supplementary professional services, such as medical and psychological specialists, but the cost is really an investment in the future of the children served, and we believe it is the best investment of life and money we can make.

The Children's Homes continues to expand and improve its services to children and their families. Two new cottages are under construction at Broyhill Home. The Ten Star Builders' Program is enlisting the support of Eastern North Carolina for Christian Child care in that section of the state. Mills Home is engaged in a year-long study to determine how we can best serve the children in the Piedmont Area. Across the state, renewed effort is being given to the enlistment of foster families. Expanded services to families are being initiated.

We believe this ministry of child care deserves the confidence and support of North Carolina Baptists. Our Baptist friends have demonstrated through their interest and support that they believe in what we are doing. The Cooperative Program continues to be the lifeblood of our financial support. The 1971 Thanksgiving Offering channeled $400,000 into our ministry of child care. Special gifts and bequests from individuals continue to provide for capital improvements. We deeply appreciate this generous support, and we pledge ourselves to continue this ministry of child care in the name of Christ and on behalf of North Carolina Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,
H. I. Johnson

BAPTIST FOUNDATION

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation was created by the Convention for the purpose of procuring endowment funds and for administering such funds, for all institutions and agencies, owned and controlled by the con-

vention. This charitable corporation was chartered on November 24, 1920 under the laws of the State of North Carolina. The Foundation is independent of the causes it serves, but committed to their best interest. It is not a competitive agency, but a service agency dedicated to the task of undergirding all of our Baptist work.

Any property owner who wishes to do (Baptist or non-Baptist) resident or non-resident, man or woman, young or old, can use the Baptist Foundation through cash, securities, i.e., STOCKS, BONDS, NOTES, MORTGAGES, REAL PROPERTY (farms, woodland, houses, lots) and any and every other kind of property, real or personal. These gifts can be in the form of a living trust, gift annuity, or by bequests in wills.

The Baptist Foundation stands ready at all times to aid individuals in making adequate preparation to use of the foregoing methods in providing for any agency or institution fostered by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, or any of the Southern Baptist Convention agencies or institutions.

When one uses the Baptist Foundation, one is EXTENDING HIS STEWARDSHIP IN PERPETUITY. This can and does bring a great deal of satisfaction and joy to the person who uses the Foundation for this purpose.

If you need help in this area please contact the Executive Secretary—Baptist Foundation Inc. Box 26508, Raleigh, N. C. 27611. Through the Baptist Foundation, the Christian Life and influence can live on and be a blessing to many people. Dr. C. Gordan Maddrey, Executive Secretary has served North Carolina Baptist in a most unique and marvelous manner.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond M. White

ANNUITY BOARD

Darold H. Morgan took office as president of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention on March 1, 1972. R. Alton Reed, whom he succeeded, had been chief executive officer of the Board for 19 years.

The change in executive leadership occurred with the Board having record funds held in trust of more than $292 million, as of December 31, 1971. These funds are held in trust for 36,000 retirement plan participants now active in churches and denominational agencies.

Morever, the Board paid out 25 per cent more in benefits to 7,500 annuitants last year than their contracts required. Called "13th Checks," these extra benefits were paid twice in the year—8 1/3 per cent in February and another 16 2/3 per cent in December.

The same good yield on investments that permitted extra benefits to annuitants also gave Good Experience Credits (Credits for good experience in investing) to active members of the various plans, adding value to their retirement fund being built up.

The extra benefits paid through "13th Checks" totaled $1,339,732.

The Board, in its 54 years of existence, had paid out benefits that total $92.1 million, including over $10 million during 1971.

During the administration of R. Alton Reed, the Annuity Board eliminated its "unfunded liability"—which meant that potential claims for benefits exceeded assets. The Board is now in a position not only to fully

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1887	Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner	J. M. Hendren	W. E. White
1888	Antioch	J. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1889	Bethel	J. B. Poole	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1890	Concord	D. W. Poole	L. P. Gwaltney	T. A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W. J. Bumgarner	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J. M. Shaver	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D. W. Poole	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J. A. White	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L. P. Gwaltney	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J. J. Reach	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D. W. Poole	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R. L. Davis	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R. L. Davis	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O. A. Keller	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1905	Antioch	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1906	Bethel	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1908	Concord	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1909	Damascus	J. M. Shaver	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1910	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J. M. Shaver	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D. W. Poole	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E. V. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1918			J. W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B. F. Austin	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T. H. Williams	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T. E. Payne	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L. E. Barnes	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J. W. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1924	Concord	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J. M. McAlpine	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1927	Mt. Olive	J. H. Boggs	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C. C. Holland	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J. L. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S. I. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A. T. Howell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod

Wilkes
To Wilkesboro
MOUNT OLIVE
LEBANON
POPLAR SPRINGS
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To Lenoir
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LILEDOUN
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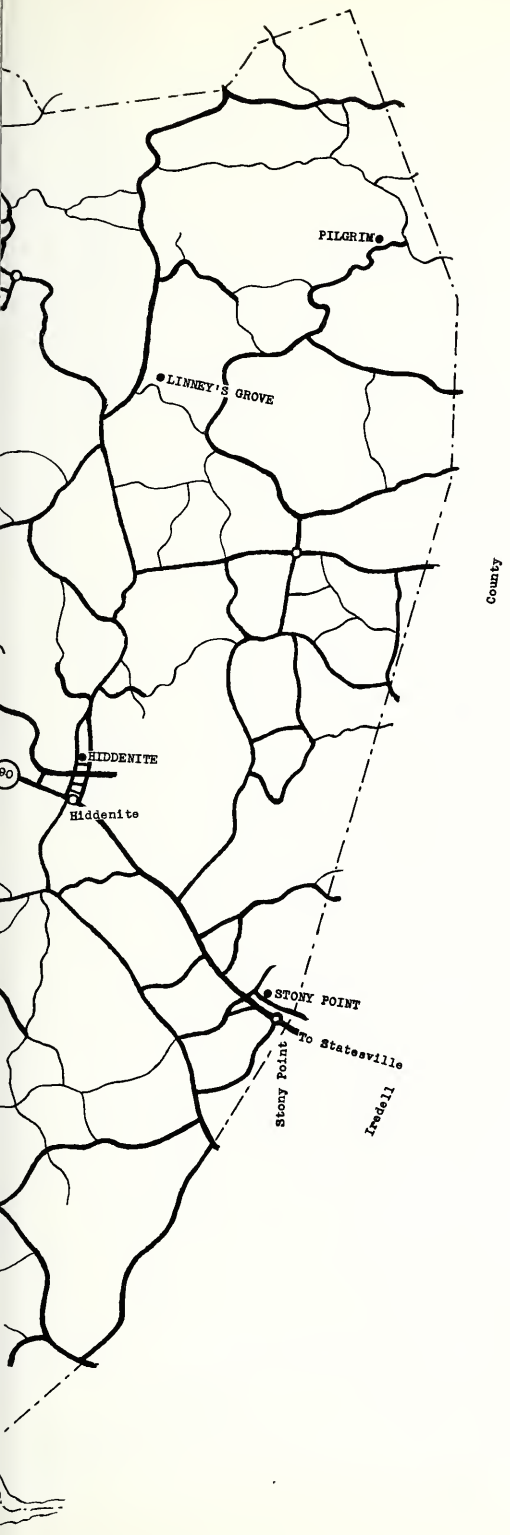

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CAPITAL LETTERS — Churches

Little Letters — Locations; towns, etc.

Black Dots — Church Houses

Encircled Figures — Highway Numbers

Broad Heavy Lines — Paved Roads

Light Narrow Lines — Dirt Roads

Broken Lines — County Boundries

Bridges are not shown.

The southern border is Catawba River.

The square on Highway 16 marks the office of the association.

The whole map involves only the area of County.

1936	Fairview	F. A. Pennell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1937	East Taylorsville	Lee James	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C. C. Holland	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T. L. Blalock	A. E. Watts	G. L. Chatham
1941	Pilgrim	J. C. Gwaltney	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E. C. Shoe	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1944	First Taylorsville	H. L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus	E. C. Shoe	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Three Forks			
1947	East Taylorsville	A. E. Watts	A. C. Payne	H. L. Good
	Taylor Springs			
1948	Poplar Springs	A. B. Bumgarner	Homer L. Good	W. W. Harrington
	Bethel			
1949	Antioch	W. O. Johnson	E. V. Bumgarner	W. W. Harrington
	Hiddenite			
1950	Liledoun	J. A. Icenhour	A. B. Bumgarner	J. L. Wells
	Mt. Herman			
1951	Stony Point	J. L. Wells	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	East Taylorsville			
1952	First Taylorsville	J. R. Lail	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	Smyrna			
1953	Pleasant Hill	David C. Boaz	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Bethlehem			
1954	Pilgrim	Herman Johnson	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Little River			
1955	Linney's Grove	R. L. Dixon	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Hiddenite			
1956	Liledoun	H. L. Good	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1957	Macedonia	W. O. Warren	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	First Taylorsville			
1958	Antioch	Horace Moree	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1959	Beulah	I. V. Couch	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Stony Point			
1960	Poplar Springs	H. M. Cartner	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1961	Liledoun	Ralph Kerley	James Teague	W. O. Warren
	Little River			
1962	Pleasant Hill	Henkle Little	R. L. Dixon	W. O. Warren
	Hiddenite			
1963	Bethlehem	Robert Winecoff	R. L. Dixon	W. O. Warren
	Antioch			
1964	Smyrna	James Lockee	Horace Moree	W. O. Warren
	Millersville			
1965	Macedonia	Walter Howell	Horace Moree	W. O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1966	Stony Point	Arthur Jenkins	Marion Powell	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1967	Calvary	Oliver Price	Marion Powell	W. O. Warren
	Liledoun			
1968	First Church	Marion Powell	Oliver Price	W. O. Warren
	Mount Olive			
1969	Antioch	Devon Dyson	Oliver Price	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1970	Poplar Springs	Marvin Willis	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Hiddenite			
1971	Bethlehem	Raymond White	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Mountain Ridge			
1972	Oxford Memorial	Horace Moree	A. D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Pleasant Hill			

meet every outstanding contract with members, but to grant Good Experience Credit as well.

The Annuity Board offers a protection plan for disability, death, and retirement to cover every pastor, church staff member, and demoninational agency employee. Many churches help by paying in full the dues for their pastor and staff.

Retirement contributions may be made on the full salaries of pastors and other personnel by taking advantage of Plan B and C as well as Plan A. Information on the Annuity Board may be secured by writing its development office, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas 75201, or by contacting the Annuity Board representative of your Baptist State Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Redge Chapman

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Together we seek to provide opportunities for students to seek Truth in an atmosphere of freedom, guided by persons who are committed to God as He is revealed in Jesus Christ. This ideal always exceeds our grasp. However, it is the ever-present goal toward which we strive. The prayers and active support of North Carolina Baptists are necessary ingredients in helping the actual and the ideal to move more closely together.

The Baptist colleges in North Carolina continue to be grateful for the vital financial support which comes through the Cooperative Program. Outside of student charges, the Cooperative Program is the largest financial source of annual income for our Colleges.

One way our churches can help to relieve the financial burden of our schools is through participation in the Baptist College Scholarship Offering Day. Every year many of our churches provide student aid funds for needy North Carolina Baptist Students by means of this special offering on Father's Day. Other churches prefer to include this as a regularly budgeted item. We urge more of our churches to enter into this investment in our youth.

Dr. John E. Weems became the sixth president of Meredith College. He was formerly Vice-President for Finance and Administration of Middle Tennessee State University.

Gardner-Webb College received accreditation as a four-year college by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Seventy young men and women from the seven Baptist colleges worked in churches across North Carolina through the Baptist Youth Corps program. Their salaries are paid jointly by the colleges and the churches.

The inclusive enrollment of the seven North Carolina Baptist colleges during the past academic year was 16,609.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Lail

CAMPBELL COLLEGE IS HELPING N. C. BAPTIST CHURCH-RELATED FAMILIES IN A SPECIAL WAY

Campbell College feels that any student qualified to profit from higher education and willing to make the personal effort and other sacrifices necessary should be given financial assistance suited to his need.

In the light of its own commitment to the work of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Campbell is especially eager to give any assistance it can to North Carolina Baptist. Following are special provisions that it makes for families of North Carolina Baptist ministers and others professionally engaged in the work of the Convention.

1.	For ministerial students	$300 a year
*2.	For full-time ministers of N. C. Baptist Churches	$650 a year
*3.	For wives of full-time ministers of N. C. Baptist Churches	$650 a year
*4.	For children of Baptist ministers	$250 a year
5.	For children of associational ministers	$250 a year
6.	For children of employees of the N. C. Baptist State Convention with Headquarters in Raleigh, N. C.	$250 a year

In addition, these families share in a provision made for all prospective students who need and otherwise qualify for financial assistance in attending Campbell College. At present, the student who needs assistance has the opportunity to earn a maximum of $800 per year through on-campus work-study. A student may obtain a maximum of $1,000 per year through an Educational Opportunity Grant and can borrow an additional $1,000 per year through a National Defense Student Loan. Campbell at the time is administering a student aid program of about $1 million annually. Its policy is to adjust the amount of aid to suit the specific need of the qualified student who applies. In recent times, it has been able to do this in almost every instance. Persons wishing further information about scholarships and the various programs of student aid should write to Mr. Leslie Caison, Director of Student Aid, Campbell College, Box 36, Buies Creek, North Carolina 27506.

*In order for the special provisions in 2, 3 and 4 to apply, ministers must be serving in a church or churches actively participating in the Co-operative Program of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Representative,
H. I. Johnson

BIBLICAL RECORDER

The September 9 issue of the *Biblical Recorder* reached a circulation of over 100,000. This has been the goal for a long time. Now every effort will be made to have the Recorder in every Baptist home in North Carolina.

Not only in circulation progress, but in other ways this has been a good year for the *Recorder*. During the year, Woodrow W. Hill, well-known pastor and writer, came with the *Recorder* as a field representative. He will be speaking in associations, churches, pastors' conferences and in other meetings all over the state. Thus he will join the editor and associate editor in seeking to carry the *Recorder* message to every corner of North Carolina.

This is also the year that the *Recorder* went to computer. Because of the growing circulation, this had to be done.

As it has in the past, the *Recorder* seeks to keep North Carolina Baptists informed on important issues. This is a heavy responsibility and the editor and his staff feel keenly the need of your prayers as they seek to be good

stewards to North Carolina Baptists. If your church does not have the *Recorder* in the budget, or if it does not have a club at all, please take the leadership in seeing that this situation is corrected in the coming year. The *Recorder* will be 140 years old next January 18. Those responsible for its publication each week recommit themselves to this important ministry of the printed word.

In Alexander Association, at least seven churches are known to have the every family plan. One or more use the club plan (5 or more subscriptions) either of these plans represents a saving to the subscriber and are recommended to the churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Maurice Grant

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Several of our churches still have not reported their Vacation Bible Schools to us but this has been an outstanding year for work in VBS throughout our Alexander County Association and in North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

An area that has been overlooked for many years is the adult section in Vacation Bible School. Adults are always eager for Bible study and for those who are not actively involved in VBS for preschoolers, children, and youth this time affords an excellent depth study of the Bible.

There are new areas being unfolded all the time in VBS work and undoubtedly all has not yet been revealed. Each year our Association offers an Associational Clinic which is to guide us in our preparation for VBS. This is one of the best attended meetings of our Association.

Do all in your power to have the very best Vacation Bible School ever this coming year. Only time can show us the harvests that will be reaped from our labors.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry D. Childers

CHURCH TRAINING

Church Training in our association continues to progress satisfactory. There are approximately 800 people enrolled in the nine churches in our association who have a Church Training organization.

During the past year several training courses were taught in these churches such as leadership courses, New Members Orientation courses, soul winning courses, and courses on Baptist Doctrine. In addition to these things, several people in our association attended Church Training Week at North Carolina Baptist Assembly and Ridgecrest where a variety of courses were taught. Also eight juniors representing three churches in our association participated in the Junior Memory Work Tournament and most of them became State winners. Perhaps one of the highlights in our associational Church Training during the year was our annual M-Night which was held at Macedonia Baptist Church.

I am still hoping that other churches in our association who do not have a Church Training organization will decide to organize one during the

coming year, because the church and Church Training "Is the Sunday night place."

Respectfully submitted,
Eugene Warrick

EVANGELISM

It is exciting what the Holy Spirit is doing through the ministry of evangelism in our state. 6,000 youth and adults in 425 churches have now participated in Lay Evangelism Schools or Pastor's Retreats. Forty-two associations already have confirmed dates for schools. We thank God for this tremendous response to the important emphasis of lay witnessing. This will be a continuing effort in future year.

Over 2,400 pastors and lay persons attended the 26th Statewide Evangelism Conference in Fayetteville last February. Special conferences were held with practical emphasis on different phases of evangelism during the first afternoon session. Outstanding speakers challenged pastors to involve their people in the total ministry of evangelism through the church.

The Division of Evangelism in cooperation with the Department of Communications and the Division of Church Programs sponsored a Statewide Communications, Evangelism and Administration Conference in Greensboro in May. The purpose was to help pastors and others communicate the Gospel of Christ more effectively.

A new week at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Southport during June 12-16 was youth Ministries Week with inspiration and training in Evangelism, Vocational Guidance and Recreation. All evening sessions were centered around Bible Study and a workshop experience in learning how to witness for Christ. Over 600 youth and adults were present for the week. On Friday evening 113 youth made different kinds of public decisions. Next June we will have another Youth Ministries Week.

Almost 20,000 youth, pastors and adult leaders were expected to attend the 2nd Statewide Youth Evangelism Night on August 18th at the Greensboro Coliseum. It is evident that God is working through Christian youth today to share His Gospel in a thrilling, significant manner.

Let us rejoice in the excellent reports of revival meetings, city-wide evangelistic crusades and associational evangelism clinics during the past year. It is our hope and prayer that we shall continue to have a strong increase in baptisms this coming year that many more persons may experience Christ by genuine faith commitments.

The 27th Statewide Evangelism Conference will be February 5-7, 1973 at Ovens Auditorium, Charlotte.

Remember to pray earnestly for the leadership of the Holy Spirit in the total ministry of evangelism in North Carolina, our nation and our world.

Respectfully submitted,
Horace Moree

TRAINING

On October 10, 1971, ten churches—Bethlehem, Smyrna, First Baptist, East Taylorsville, Macedonia, Mt. Herman, Lebanon, Pleasant Hill, Hiddenite, and Stony Point—plus one from the Rocky Face Association—

Sulpher Springs—had a special missions emphasis. This was done in co-operation with the W.M.U. of the association, and was used in the place of the Central Training School.

Each church heard two speakers, Sunday morning and evening. Each gave their morning speaker a love gift and cared for the noon meal. At 4:30 all of the guest speakers and host pastors enjoyed the evening meal together at Jim's Cafe in Taylorsville. The travel expenses, lodging for Saturday night, and other meals came from the Central Training School budget item.

Speakers were: Dr. Howard Ford, of the State Office in Raleigh; Rev. George Shore, association missionary, Winston-Salem; Miss Elizabeth Campbell, associational missionary, Lenoir; Miss Shigemi Hatta (Japan), Mr. Sun Kyu Yu (Korea), Mr. Tai-Ping Li (Hong Kong), and Mr. Takeshi Iida (Japan) students at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest; and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Walkingstick, Bill Crowe, and John David Arch, Cherokee Indians from Cherokee, North Carolina.

All reports received stated that this was an inspiring day for each speaker and for all the churches who participated.

Henry Cook, associational moderator; Marcella Hines, WMU Director for the Association; and I (Emilyn Wagner) planned the above and made the contacts needed for the event.

Respectfully submitted,
Emilyn Wagner

MUSIC

Music through the ages has been and still is today the universal language. To be sure there are many differing and varying types of music but people everywhere in one way or another enjoy and/or participate in music.

The only department in the entire program of the Southern Baptist Convention which has shown a marked increase last year was the music department. This should certainly speak to all of us.

It is time that we should enlist the help of every available person and use music as a means to bring the lost to a saving knowledge of Christ our Lord. The time has come for us to go out and compel the lost to come in rather than to wait for them to come to us. I personnally like the theme of this years meeting which is People to People. When we get people involved in the work of our Lord, then the results will come.

We look forward to a New Year in the association and trust that you will do all possible to support the work of the association. As a reminder let me say that the coming year's emphasis in the Central Training School is Music. Even now encourage your people to think toward attending and much can be received through this time of sharing together.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry D. Childers

STATE MISSIONS

The churches are on mission to people under the Lordship of Christ—Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8. Churches in a cooperative plan express their mission beyond the local congregation. State Missions is interrelated by planning and financing with associations, the State Convention, Home and Foreign Mission Boards. There is a ministry of State Missions expressed within

the local church in Evangelism, Church Programs, and Stewardship Promotion. State Missions is Christian Social Service expressed through institutions. State Missions is churches expressing a positive interest in Christian Education.

State Missions is a multiplicity of special ministries too big for any one local church. These ministries to areas of need may be altogether supported by State Missions budgeting, or a co-operative budgeting arrangement of the local church, the association, the State Convention, and the Home Mission Board. Such specialized ministries include work at Cherokee and Pembroke, promotion and coordination of World Mission Conferences, support of part-time Chaplaincies in several correctional institutions, assistance in witnessing to and enlisting for service Orientals and Spanish speaking peoples. A specialized ministry to the deaf includes evangelizing, teaching and counselling the deaf.

Also included is a cooperative plan for Seminary extension and a rapidly growing Resort Ministry. Fruitland Baptist Institute is an area of State Missions. Our cities need Baptist Centers and other expressions of Christian social and evangelistic concern. State Missions promotes and supports a vigorous ministry in the inner city. State Missions continues a specialized ministry with other races.

State Missions serves the pastor and local church. New churches are encouraged by loans and grants of lot aid. Needy churches are given financial aid until they can become self-supporting. Pastors are directly helped through Annunity supplements.

State Missions is a cooperative ministry by the churches to people who need God and other churches that need help.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Kermit Patterson

HOME MISSIONS

Many of the nation's longstanding problems dominated the news of 1971 in home missions. Such problems as crime and violence, hostility and alienation, alcoholism and drug abuse, racial tension and family problems, plus war and economic stress burdened concerned Christians. Many were encouraged, however, by what seems to be a spiritual awakening among youth and by a freshly exposed hunger for God. A favorable climate strengthens our Christian witness.

Those who serve Christ in this nation are placed in the midst of one of the greatest evangelism and mission fields of the world. With approximately 80 million not identified with any religious group and a high percentage of church members nominally related to the work of Christ, we face needs of the first magnitude, and humanly speaking, what happens in America in a large part determines what happens in the spread of the gospel around the world.

—Arthur B. Rutledge

We have 2,229 Home missionaries, who work in different area of our Baptist work. There are 909 Chaplains serving in the military, in hospitals, institutions, and industry. A total of 960 student summer mission personnel were under appointment in 1971. There are 886 couples and 121 single

missionaries under appointment in 45 states working with 90 language congregations. More than 200,000 copies of pamphlets informing Southern Baptists of how to relate to other faiths were distributed by the Department of Interfaith Witness.

Cecil Etheredge, missionary personnel secretary, said reduced funds have slowed the appointment of many qualified people. "The hardest 'no' we have to say is to the mission interns who have prepared themselves for years for this type of service." A 9.8 per cent increase in funds has been asked for the HMB for 1973.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. C. A. Caldwell

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Cooperative Program is a part of the tithes and your offerings given through your church. Thus, your dedicated life with a part of your day-to-day labor goes toward witnessing to a lost world.

The Cooperative Program is sharing your love of God through 6,000 state, home and foreign missionaries. Last year they were instrumental in bringing more than 66,000 people to Christ who in turn followed Him into the waters of baptism.

The Cooperative Program is busy training capable leaders by helping students with scholarships in more than 800 Baptist schools with more than 100,000 pupils around the world.

The Cooperative Program is ministering to the needs of the sick through 21 Baptist hospitals and 105 clinics in many nations. You helped more than 1,000,000 patients last year who could not pay the cost of their care. The Cooperative Program aids in bringing shelter, food, clothing and other necessities of life to 8,000 homeless children plus more than 2,000 elderly people through Children's Homes and Homes for the Aging.

Last year 1,020 Baptist churches in North Carolina increased Cooperative Program giving by 10 per cent or more over what they contributed the previous year. Did your church increase this much?

Please support your church in Cooperative Program giving and pray for your missionaries and other Cooperative Program Causes.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald Goble

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY REPORT

In October 1971 we had our first Mission Emphasis Sunday, with 11 churches participating. We also had a fellowship supper. Miss Elizabeth Campbell taught our Foreign Mission Study, held at the Mt. Herman Church. Rev. I. V. Couch taught the Home Mission study at the Hiddenite Church. For our annual meeting held with Bethlehem Church in April we were fortunate to have with us Mrs. C. T. Stephens, Jr., missionary to Indonesia. We also had another Mission Emphasis on September 10, 1972 with eight churches participating. Guests speakers were: Calvin Knight, Denomination and Public Relations from Baptist Hospital. Mrs. Lanny Elmore, Missionary to Uganda; Dr. Lin Fincannon, layman from Elkin; J. D. Dennis, editor of

Charity and Children; Rev. Homer Good, Chaplain for Hennis Freight Lines; Miss Emilyn Wagner, teacher at Hiddenite; Miss Evelyn Schwartz, Missionary to Indonesia; Rev. James McQuere, Supt. of Missions, South Fork Assoc., Mrs. C. T. Stephens, Jr., Missionary to Indonesia; Gerald Hewitt, Vice-President from Baptist Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcella Hines

ASSOCIATION MISSIONS

Your Promotional Secretary or Association Missionary has continued to keep the Association office open on Wednesday and Friday and at other times when essential to the Association interest, and attended and taken part in the Association meetings. I have visited churches when invited or when it was for the good of the work, helping churches in any way I could, especially in the matter of securing pastors.

I attended the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, the North Carolina Evangelistic Conference and the Southern Baptist Convention, and have kept the pastors and church officers informed of programs and procedures; and have tried to promote the whole program of the denomination.

One specific project has been the idea of a Mission in the Lake Hickory area. We have surveyed the territory and taken a religious census of the area.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Harrington

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of The Alexander Baptist Association met on regular scheduled meeting dates and other times as deemed necessary. Mrs. Florrie Kerley, Associational Clerk, was present at all meetings, and made detailed minutes of all actions taken by the Committee. The records are on file at the Associational Office and may be referred to when necessary.

We appreciate so much the interest shown in the work of the association by a majority of our churches, but regret that a number of our churches did not attend the Associational meetings, as least not regular. Let us urge all our churches to appoint one messenger to represent them at the Executive meetings, along with their Pastor. You are needed to help plan and promote the work of your Association.

May we depend on your church being represented at all meetings of the Executive Committee during the new church year?

Respectfully submitted,
A. D. Lindsey, *Moderator*

FOREIGN MISSION

Around the world today Baptists are preparing for the World Mission of Reconciliation through Jesus Christ. This is a five year program of evangelistic outreach. Three major emphases are involved in this World Mission of Reconciliation through Jesus Christ: (1) witnessing through personal evangelism, (2) witnessing through a variety of evangelistic campaigns, (3) witnessing through ministries of reconciliation.

Baptists of each country will determine the nature and methods of expression most appropriate to its culture, organization, circumstances, needs, and opportunities. Extraordinary efforts will be made during the years of 1973 through 1975 to give vital expression to the heart of the gospel. Thirty-one million Baptists in 115 countries can be used of God to change the course of history if they will dedicate themselves to Christ as Lord to evangelize their fellowmen and to demonstrate the love of God.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Carrigan

OXFORD MEMORIAL CHURCH

In 1942, a group of Baptist began meeting about a half-mile from this church site. They met in the open, with lights connected from the Pender Caldwell home. There was no building, but a revival meeting was held in the spring and the people decided to form a new church. A group of perhaps a dozen preachers and laymen like my father, met with the people and the church was organized with 19 charter members.

Through the years, Oxford families had lived in the community and a great grandfather was Isaac Oxford, a well known Baptist preacher. It was suggested that the church be named "Oxford Memorial" and the members agreed. This property was bought and the first building was begun in 1942.

That fall at the annual Association held with Antioch Church, an invitation was given for new churches and Oxford Memorial presented an application. A committee consisting of A. C. Payne, E. V. Bumgarner and E. E. Shoe were appointed to investigate the same. The report was favorable and the church was accepted as a member of the Association and messengers were enrolled.

The Associational minutes of 1942 list James T. Richards as Pastor; Clerk Edith Caldwell; Sunday School Superintendent, Pender Caldwell; church membership was 44 and 70 enrolled in Sunday School.

Others who have served as pastor are: S. I. Watts, Richard Story, James Lail, Fred Ellis, Ralph Kerley, Paul Braswell, Grady Blakely; The Rev. Otis Goins came to serve as pastor in March 1972.

In 1953, the old building was removed and the present church started. Services were held in Ellendale School until the new building could be used. Dedication service for the completed building was held on December 13, 1964 with former pastor Ralph Kerley preaching the Dedication Sermon. Rev. Paul Braswell, who was pastor at that time also participated in the Dedication Service.

The new parsonage was built in 1965. Additions to the church were begun in August 1969 and completed in 1970.

There has been a gradual increase in church membership. In 1952 there were 134 members, in 1962, membership was 187, the church now has 243 members. There are 243 in Sunday School and 121 in Church Training.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Echerd, *Historian*

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church is 120 years old and was organized on January 31, 1852. Rev. William Pool was the first pastor and John T. Barker first Church Clerk. In his history of the Association meeting in 1852, Dr. H. G. Duncan wrote "Evidently the use of liquor now began to trouble the churches, as the question was raised at the association: Is it expedient to fellowship a brother minister who makes a practice of speaking publicly on liquor?"

Alexander Baptist Association first met with Pleasant Hill in 1895. In the history of the church printed in the minutes that year is the statement: "In 1854, trouble arose in the church about a resolution passed in the Lewis Fork Association concerning the organizations of the Sons of Temperance (by those opposed to the use of liquor). Pleasant Hill passed a rule forbidding services by any preacher who was a member of a secret society. This was in effect afterward rescinded. The church then entered upon a career of prosperity which lasts till yet. "I was interested in this item since the controversy over the "Sons of Temperance" was the beginning of my church, Taylorsville First.

The church has been rebuilt at least twice and probably three times. The first time was in 1885 and some think that it was rebuilt again about 1902. In 1952, the weatherboard building was moved and this brick building was constructed. In 1962 an addition was built to the back of the church. In 1967, the block walls in the basement were pastered and tile put on the floor. In 1970 air conditioning was installed and the front of the building has recently been renovated. A vestibule, a porch and a pastor's study were added. A fiber glass belfry and steeple have also been erected.

The minutes of the 1953 session listed the pastors who had served to that time. Since then, Harold Watts and J. A. Isenhour have served. Herman I. Johnson was called seven years ago and is the present pastor.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Echerd, *Historian*

IN MEMORIAL

The following members of our churches have died since our last association meeting. May the Lord bless their memory to our good and His glory.

ANTIOCH—Mrs. Kate White, Mrs. Bertha Austin Teague, Mr. Arthur Meadlock

BETHLEHEM—Mrs. Gamewall Kiziah, Mr. Carlton Upchurch, Mrs. Merel Teague

BEULAH—Mrs. Madge Pearson, Miss Alice Pearson, Mrs. Neil Scott

CALVARY—Mrs. Bulah Mae Sloop, Rev. Otto Dyson, Miss Wanda Hubbard, Mrs. Lovie Carrigan

HIDDENITE—Rev. Otha Warren

LILEDOUN—Mr. Burette McAlpin, Mrs. Wilma Bowman, Mr. Garland Smith

LINNEY'S GROVE—Mrs. Hetbora B. Bowles, Eddie Gwaltney

LITTLE RIVER—Mr. Sam Chapman, Mr. Dallas Teague, Mr. Danny Querry

MACEDONIA—Mr. Edd Alspaugh, Deacon Paul Keller, Mrs. Stella Brinkley

MILLERSVILLE—Rev. John Barber, Sr., Mrs. Florence Watts, Mrs. John Barber, Sr., Deacon Avery Javan Stafford

MT. HERMAN—Mrs. Lunda McBride

MT. OLIVE—Mrs. Winnie McGee, Mrs. Della Russell, Mrs. Cyeola Davis

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Mr. Willard Tolbert, Deacon Guy Reid

PILGRIM—Mr. Quince Childers, Mr. Oliver Mayberry

PLEASANT HILL—Mr. Asa Bentley, Mrs. Ruby Bregman

POPLAR SPRINGS—Mr. Robert S. Barnes, Mr. Arthur Bumgarner

SYMRA—Mrs. Cynthia Bowman, Deacon Marshall Fox

STONY POINT—Mrs. Neil Combs, Mr. R. C. Shumake, Mr. O. A. Rhyne

TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Mr. Frankie Watson, Miss Maybell Watson.

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—Mrs. J. C. Bell, Mrs. R. A. Adams, Mrs. J. L. Gilbert, Mrs. Pauline Pennell.

STATISTICAL TABLES

Table A — CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Year organized as a church	Location 1—Open Country 3—Town	Services held twice on Sunday? Yes or No	Total Baptisms	Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)	Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	Present resident members	Present nonresident members	Grand total present members	No. members received from non-Baptist Churches	No. members lost to non-Baptist churches	Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	Value of church property including pastor's home	Total church debt at end of this assoc. year
Antioch	Ronald Rowe, Route 2, Taylorsville	1826	1	Yes	14	7	21	409	76	485	14	6	42,000	350,000	
Bethlehem	C. T. Stephens, Jr., Route 1, Taylorsville	1871	1	Yes	8	22	16	406	50	456	3	0	38,000	280,000	19,860
Beulah	James Meacham, P. O. Box 393, Taylorsville	1916	3	Yes	7	3	2	156	20	176	0	0	25,000	100,000	1,431
Calvary	Henkle Little, P. O. Box 254, Taylorsville	1948	3	Yes	6	2	15	184	21	205	1	0	50,000	250,000	
Hiddenite	Eugene Warrick, P. O. Box 67, Hiddenite	1915	3	Yes	11	5	6	188	42	240	0	0	30,000	40,000	
Lebanon	Roy Jester, Route 4, Taylorsville	1884	1	Yes	4	0	1	75	45	120	0	0	24,000	43,000	
Liledoun		1906	1	Yes	5	2	21	307	134	441	0	0	22,000	152,000	
Linney's Grove	William Nicholson, Route 1, Hiddenite	1895	1	No	33	1	3	187	36	223	2	1	35,000	100,000	8,554
Little River	Arthur Jenkins, Route 6, Taylorsville	1792	1	No	11	5	7	178	9	199	0	0		50,000	4,500
Macedonia	Horace Moree, Route 3, Taylorsville	1840	1	No	7	13	8	168	68	233	0	0	32,000	117,000	
Millersville	D. L. Bumgarner, Route 4, Taylorsville	1923	1	Yes	18	6	15	188	53	241	0	0			
Mount Herman	Raymond White, Route 2, Taylorsville	1912	1	Yes	2	6	3	220	60	280	2	1	23,000	115,000	
Mount Olive	Grady Kerley, 411 Hammer Rd., Taylorsville	1865	1	No	8	4	5	150	60	210	2	0			
Mountain Ridge		1954	1		2	1	9	71	1	72	0	1		45,000	
Oxford Memorial	Otis Goins, Route 2, Taylorsville	1942	1	Yes	9	14	10	195	44	239	0	0	18,000	68.000	13,091
Pilgrim	Phil Chapman, Route 3, Taylorsville	1837	1	No	1	0	7	177	32	209	1	0		100.000	
Pleasant Hill	H. I. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville	1852	1	Yes	13	4	3	228	36	264	0	0		47,000	
Poplar Springs	Devon Dyson, Route 6, Taylorsville	1872	1	Yes	6	13	6	203	45	255	0	0		75,000	
Smyrna	Ray Shumate, Route 6, Taylorsville	1923	1	Yes	11	2	9	181	19	200	4	0	20,000	75,000	3,700
Stony Point	Marshall Sargent, P. O. Box 198, Stony Point	1909	1	Yes	15	7	9	297	56	366	0	2	17,600	79,600	87,550
Taylorsville, East	Gary W. Jennings, Box 906, Taylorsville	1924	1	Yes	21	28	17	464	97	561	0	0	35,000	220,000	28,000
Taylorsville, First	Robert Boggs, P. O. Box 305, Taylorsville	1851	1	Yes	3	14	29	548	144	692	0	3	35,000	365,000	85,776
TOTALS					215	159	222	5180	1148	6367	29	14	356,600	2,156,600	252,262

Table B — THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Preschool enrolment (5 Years and under)	Children enrolment (6-11 years)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years)	Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years)	Adult enrolment (30-59 years)	Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over)	Adults away enrolment	Homebound units enrolment	General Officers enrolment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing Sunday School enrolment	Average weekly Sunday School attendance	Number of Bible Study Fellowship classes	Bible Study Fellowship enrolment	Church V. B. S. enrolment	Total V. B. S. enrolment
Antioch	Larry Crouch, Route 1, Granite Falls	53	60	54	44	76	28	8	26	5	0	354	201	0	0	134	134
Bethlehem	Miss Emilyn Wagner, Route 1, Taylorsville	47	62	49	68	87	26	0	0	8	0	347	210	0	0	129	129
Beulah	Steve Lackey, 209 5th Ave. N.E.,	13	21	22	17	41	16	0	0	3	0	133	86	0	0	73	73
Calvary	Denny Dyson, P. O. Box 83, Taylorsville	20	52	29	28	27	77	38	0	0	0	278	241	0	0	0	0
Hiddenite	Herman Sherrill, Hiddenite	19	24	33	10	77	0	0	0	2	0	165	123	1	25	82	82
Lebanon	J. L. Brown, Jr., Route 4, Taylorsville	5	8	18	17	19	0	0	0	15	0	82	50	0	0	47	47
Liledoun	Graydon Dyson, Route 4, Taylorsville	31	52	29	51	39	48	0	0	6	0	256	183	0	0	140	140
Linney's Grove	Jimmy Millsaps, Route 2, Statesville	39	35	27	40	21	53	0	0	12	0	215	134	0	0	89	89
Little River	Kelly Morrison, Route 4, Taylorsville	15	25	11	18	39	5	9	1	3	0	125	94	0	0	80	80
Macedonia	Nesbie Cline, Route 3, Taylorsville	13	22	23	22	39	20	0	0	1	30	172	154	0	0	80	80
Millersville	Franklin Barber, Route 3, Taylorsville	17	20	13	36	24	0	0	0	0	0	110	81	0	0	100	100
Mount Herman	Eugene Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville	20	37	28	23	51	20	0	0	4	0	183	135	0	0	68	68
Mount Olive	Larry Fisher, Route 5, Taylorsville	15	17	20	13	30	17	0	0	10	0	122	65	0	0	45	45
Mountain Ridge	David Pennell, Route 2, Taylorsville	10	5	5	15	15	4	0	0	0	0	54	50	1	25	55	55
Oxford Memorial	Dale Reid, Route 2, Taylorsville	10	27	34	32	39	0	0	0	4	0	154	111	0	0	109	109
Pilgrim	Richard Bustle, Route 1, Moravian Falls	18	30	9	24	27	8	0	0	3	0	119	73	0	0	61	61
Pleasant Hill	Larry Teague, Route 2, Taylorsville	11	41	37	11	38	9	0	0	3	0	147	101	0	0	96	96
Poplar Springs	Ray Dagenhart, Taylorsville	6	12	25	25	50	30	0	0	3	0	151	148	0	0	80	80
Smyrna	Gary Williams, Route 1, Taylorsville	25	37	19	16	28	9	2	0	4	0	140	100	0	0	105	105
Stony Point	Roger Starnes, Route 2, Hiddenite	50	34	73	50	42	40	0	11	7	0	307	173	0	0	171	171
Taylorsville, East	Gary Kerley, Taylorsville	40	51	49	39	74	31	0	0	2	0	289	178	0	0	161	161
Taylorsville, First	Aaron Spry, Route 5, Taylorsville	78	83	59	269	(All Adults)			0	8	0	497	259	0	0	200	200
TOTALS		571	755	666	688	973	531	57	38	103	30	4400	2950	2	50	2105	2105

Table C — TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Preschool enrolment (5 Years and under)	Children enrolment (6-11 years)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years)	Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years)	Adult enrolment (30-59 years)	Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over)	General Officers enrolment	Total Training Union ongoing enrolment	Average weekly Training Union attendance	New member orientation Registration	New member orientation Completed	Member Training Projects Registration	Member Training Projects Completed
Antioch	Mrs. Earl Teague, Route 2, Taylorsville	17	30	30	8	18	20	2	125	75	0	0	0	0
Bethlehem	Mrs. Jimmy Privette, Route 1, Taylorsville	14	18	29	3	16	1	4	76	69	6	5	90	47
Hiddenite	Mrs. Eugene Warrick, Box 67, Hiddenite	3	0	0	0	20	0	3	26	0	0	0	40	35
Macedonia	Mrs. Lewis Mecimore, Route 3, Taylorsville	4	5	10	12	28	3	0	62	54	0	0	0	0
Mount Herman	Lanny Stewart, 135 7th St. Taylorsville	0	8	24	8	14	0	2	56	41	0	0	0	0
Oxford Memorial	Dolly Pennell, Route 2, Lenoir	15	23	33	25	24	0	4	126	85	0	0	0	0
Smyrna	Fred Deaton, Sr., Route 6, Taylorsville	14	27	9	0	20	0	3	73	38	0	0	55	50
Stony Point	Dawson Beckham, Taylorsville	5	17	42	6	48	0	0	119	64	0	0	0	0
Taylorsville, East	Danny Chapman, Route 2, Hickory	15	10	25	0	81	0	1	132	50	0	0	0	0
Taylorsville, First	Mrs. Marvel Reno, Taylorsville	13	19	18	11	67	16	3	147	47	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		100	157	220	73	336	40	23	942	523	6	5	185	132

Table D — CHURCH MUSIC

CHURCHES	MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Preschool enrolment (5 Years and under)	Children enrolment (6-11 years)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years)	Adult enrolment (18 and over)	General Officers enrolment	Total church music enrolment	Average weekly church music attendance	Handbell ringers enrolment	Vocal ensemble enrolment	Instrumental ensembles enrolment	Church music study group enrolment
Antioch	Mrs. Robert Austin, Route 2, Taylorsville	15	15	20	33	5	88	70	0	0	0	0
Bethlehem	Mrs. Paulette Davis, Route 5, Hickory	0	2	8	25	1	36	25	0	0	0	0
Beulah	Escar Childers, Route 4, Taylorsville	0	10	20	16	3	49	49	0	3	2	0
Calvary	Ned Little, Route 2, Taylorsville	30	40	20	45	4	139	115	0	21	0	0
Hiddenite	Mrs. Marie Houpe, Hiddenite	0	5	19	16	3	43	30	0	0	0	0
Lebanon	Richard Bumgarner, Route 4, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	4	25	20	0	0	0	0
Liledoun	Roland Chapman, Route 6, Taylorsville	0	5	20	20	5	50	45	0	3	0	0
Linney's Grove	Wayne Hayes, Route 1, Hiddenite											
Little River	Gary Jenkins, Route 6, Taylorsville											
Macedonia	Redge Chapman, Box 132, Taylorsville	0	0	18	18	3	39	0	0	0	0	0
Millersville	G. S. Hampton, Route 3, Taylorsville											
Mount Herman	Mrs. Carole Mecimore, Route 3, Taylorsville	0	20	6	25	6	57	45	0	0	0	0
Mount Olive	Mrs. Marie Childers, Route 5, Taylorsville											
Mountain Ridge	Mrs. Linda Stikeleather, Route 4, Taylorsville	4	6	0	15	3	28	15	0	0	0	0
Oxford Memorial	Tommy Pennell, Route 2, Taylorsville	4	9	30	36	4	83	75	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	Elbert J. Mitchell, Route 1, Hiddenite	5	12	4	21	1	41	30	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	Roger Harrington, Route 5, Taylorsville	2	10	5	25	2	44	30	0	0	0	0
Poplar Springs	Bulter Chapman, Route 4, Taylorsville	0	0	14	32	1	47		0	0	0	0
Smyrna	Mrs. Patsy Daniels, Route 6, Taylorsville	7	8	5	20	5	45	35	0	0	0	0
Stony Point	Mrs. Virginia Moore, 521 North Miller Ave., Statesville	0	25	22	19	5	71	51	0	0	0	0
Taylorsville, East	Lanny Smith, Box 906, Taylorsville	12	40	30	40	12	134	100	0	24	0	70
Taylorsville, First		25	43	25	35	5	133	100	30	3	0	0
TOTALS		104	250	266	441	72	1152	835	30	54	2	70

Table E — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	WMU DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Mission Friends (5 years and under)	Girls in Action (6-11 years)	Acteens (12-17 years)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	Total number of organizations	Mission Friends (5 years and under)	Girls in Action (6-11 years)	Acteens (12-17 years)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	WMU officers	Total WMU enrolment
Antioch	Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Rt. 2, Taylorsville	1	1	1	1	1	5	4	10	9	14	25	7	69
Bethlehem	Mrs. Glenn Bolick, Route 5, Hickory	0	2	1	1	1	5	0	16	9	15	12	1	53
Hiddenite	Miss Marcella Hines, Hiddenite	0	1	1	0	2	4	0	11	13	0	25	1	50
Lebanon	Mrs. Roy Jester, Route 4, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	9	1	10
Macedonia	Mrs. Lewis Mecimore, Taylorsville	0	1	1	0	1	3	0	12	12	0	12	0	36
Mount Herman		0	2	0	1	2	5	0	20	0	7	15	2	44
Mount Olive	Mrs. D. Kerley, 411 Hammer Rd., Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
Oxford Memorial	Elva Reid, Route 2, Lenoir	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	15	3	18
Smyrna	Mrs. Paul Barkley, Route 6, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	25	5	30
Stony Point	Mrs. A. D. Lindsey, Route 2, Stony Point	2	2	0	1	1	6	8	22	0	17	11	6	64
Taylorsville, First	Miss Lucy Thompson, Taylorsville	1	1	1	1	1	5	10	12	5	6	37	10	80
Taylorsville, East		1	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
TOTALS		5	10	5	5	13	38	32	103	48	59	215	36	471

Table F — BROTHERHOOD

CHURCHES	BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Crusaders (6-11 years)	Pioneers (12-17 years)	Baptist Young Men enrolment (18-29 years)	Baptist Men enrolment (30-59 years)	Baptist Senior Men (60 and over)	General Officers enrolment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total Brotherhood enrolment
Antioch	Jarel Icenhour, Route 1, Taylorsville	6	7	0	15	0	4	0	32
Bethlehem		15	7	0	0	0	2	0	24
Hiddenite	Gerald Goble, Route 2, Hiddenite	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	7
Stony Point	A. D. Lindsey, Route 2, Stony Point	20	10	0	13	2	2	0	47
Taylorsville, First	Everette Yoder, Box 224, Taylorsville	5	5	0	0	0	5	0	15
TOTALS		51	29	0	28	2	15	0	125

Table G — TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Number of tithers	Cooperative prog. goal as percent of total budget	Assoc. missions goal as percent of total budget	Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts	All other receipts	Total receipts	Money borrowed during the year	Church staff salaries	Money paid out on new construction during the year	Debt retirement during the year	All other local expenditures	Total local expenditures
Antioch	C. A. Caldwell, Route 2, Taylorsville	130	25	2	49,165	46	49,211		7,396		7,410	16,605	31,411
Bethlehem	Mrs. Hayden Bently, Route 1, Taylorsville	95	25	3	61,506	156	61,662		12.145	5,908	13,355	17,176	48,584
Beulah	Mrs. Nancy Deal, Taylorsville	22	5.5	.1	15,822		15,822	1,100	6,898		4,342	4,005	15,246
Calvary	Dwight Warren, Taylorsville	76			50,734	348	51,082		16,550	31,986		7,726	56,262
Hiddenite	Gerald Goble, Route 2, Hiddenite	50	12	1.6	26,223	13	26,236		8,250		2.009	6,317	16,576
Lebanon	Mrs. Ralph E. Watts, Route 4, Taylorsville	32			15,565		15,565		6.201	49	500	2,147	8,897
Liledoun	Helen Gant, 370 Boston Rd., Taylorsville	75		2	34,618		34,618		2,372			5,868	8,240
Linney's Grove	Bobby Millsaps, Route 1, Hiddenite				21,586		21 586		4,420	3,366	6,645	7,648	22,080
Little River	Coleen McDuffie, Route 4, Taylorsville		10	2.5	19,195		19,195	4,500	7,720	5,610	1,963	6,678	21,966
Macedonia	Conrad Fox, Route 6, Taylorsville	70			32,869		32,869		8,035			9,916	17,951
Millersville	Mrs. Christian Fox, Route 3, Taylorsville				14 726		14,726		7,715			5,255	12,970
Mount Herman	Willard Meadlock, Route 2, Taylorsville		3	.06	33,819	228	34,047		7,914			9,188	17,102
Mount Olive	Mrs. T. W. Beaman, Taylorsville				15,566		15,566		5,215			3,976	9,191
Mountain Ridge	Arthur Keller, Route 2, Taylorsville	20	10	1	12,439		12,439		3,943	1,206	4,350	1,534	11,032
Oxford Memorial	Pender Caldwell, Route 2, Taylorsville		7.5	1.5	37,321	440	37,761		7,187	9,966	1,800	7,922	26,875
Pilgrim	Glynn Gwaltney, Route 1, Hiddenite	12			11,703		11,703		5.174	253		1 667	7,095
Pleasant Hill	Vaughn Kerley, Moravian Falls	15			22,475		22,475		7,004	9,834		3,952	20,790
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Ray Dagenhart, Taylorsville	50			35,230	336	35,566		13,746		3,500	17,452	34,698
Smyrna	Miss Ruby Teague, Route 1, Taylorsville	40	10	3	27,374		27,374		7,176		7,333	18,453	33,462
Stony Point	R. L. McKittrick, Stony Point		10	3	45,024		45,024		13,217	1,500	8,989	11,408	35,114
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. Eugene Connolly, Route 3, Taylorsville	75			57,508		57,508	8,791	16,418	534	6,300	38,841	62,093
Taylorsville, First	Billy Earp, Taylorsville	150	10	3	91.142		91,142		24.900		17,520	33,546	75,966
TOTALS		912			731,610	1567	733,177	14,391	199,596	70,212	86,016	237,280	549,601

Table H — MISSION EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational missions program	Designated: State missions	Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong offering)	Designated: SBC Foreign Missions (incl. Lottie Moon offering)	Designated: Christian education (schools, etc.)	Designated: Children's homes (cash plus goods)	Designated: Hospitals	Designated: Homes for the aged	Designated: All other (Bible Society, Temperance League, etc.)	Total other mission cause expenditures	Grand Total Mission Expenditures
Antioch	Mrs. Blayne Hollar, Route 2, Taylorsville	10,478	821	82	525	2,055	28	160	124	80	132	4,007	14,485
Bethlehem	Mrs. Jerry Palmer, Route 1, Taylorsville	9,274	1,113	76	382	2,839	305		166		160	5,041	14,315
Beulah	Mrs. Elizabeth Hammer, Taylorsville	104	52	51	22	83		240	77	59	129	715	819
Calvary	Mrs. Leona Lackey, Route 6, Taylorsville		100					100	100		775	1,075	1,075
Hiddenite	Bill Goble, Route 2, Hiddenite	2,032	300	205	183	975	34	494	122	51	205	2,561	4,601
Lebanon	Mrs. James H. Watts, Route 4, Taylorsville	2,729	100	165	127	407		52	234	57	28	1,170	3,899
Liledoun	Dwight Dyson, Route 2, Taylorsville		100			6,601		3,244	3,244			13,189	13,189
Linney's Grove	Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, Route 1, Taylorsville		48			240	180	100	100		679	1,347	1,347
Little River	Edwin L. Teague, Route 4, Taylorsville	1,703	125	55		156		48	38	26		448	2,151
Macedonia	Mrs. Kermit Patterson, Route 1, Stony Point	850	225	125	310	1,080	137	205	157	120		2,359	3,209
Millersville	Miss Muriel Stafford, Route 3, Taylorsville	183	100		800	78		66	89	71		1,204	1,387
Mount Herman	Mrs. Florrie Kerley, Route 2, Taylorsville	1,037	303	552	614	2,037	215	733	227	413	200	5,067	6,331
Mount Olive	Mrs. Russell Deal, Route 4, Taylorsville	169	75	75	175	250		175	200	100	616	1,061	1,830
Mountain Ridge	Rayford Pennell, Route 5, Taylorsville	220	200	60	50	118	50	84	83	76	405	1,126	1,346
Oxford Memorial	Inez Haney, Rt. 2, Lenoir	2,450	481	75	154	390		127	40		446	1,713	4,163
Pilgrim	Lindsey Bumgarner, Route 1, Hiddenite		96	32	32	1,090		198	193		283	1,924	1,924
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Verna Jolly, Route 5, Taylorsville	92	200	88	71	1,007		244	226	93		1,929	2,021
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Ray Dagenhart, Taylorsville		200			550		500	650	100		2,000	2,000
Smyrna	Mrs. Juanita Stafford, Route 6, Taylorsville	2,531	1,265	88	112	257	127	200	247	149	849	3,294	5,825
Stony Point	Mrs. Doris Jolly, Box 152, Stony Point	2,450	500	47	337	2,773		34	103	30	66	3,890	6,340
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. Melinda Chapman, Route 2, Hickory	1,000	300	100	100	500	100	100	100	100	75	1,475	2,475
Taylorsville, First	Miss Lucy Eckerd, Taylorsville	8,638	1,000	453	1,061	3,108	111	334	322	149		6,538	15,176
TOTALS		45,940	7,704	2,329	5,055	26,594	1,287	7,438	6,842	1,674	5,048	63,133	109,908

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CONSTITUTION OF THE ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE: We, the messengers of Missionary Baptist Churches in the County of Alexander, State of North Carolina, do hereby propose to establish and maintain the order and rules of a district Baptist Association in conformity to the following plan:

Article I. NAME

The name of the body shall be the Alexander Baptist Association.

Article II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's Kingdom and for the promoting of unity and growth among the churches related to the Association. To this end the Association will cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and their agencies in the work of Missions, Christian Education, and Social Service.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The Alexander Association shall be composed of the pastor and three messengers from each Missionary Baptist Church that voluntarily cooperates as the Alexander Baptist Association, the general officers of the Association, chairmen of standing committees, and the pastor and messengers from any church that may hereafter be recognized as a *cooperating* church by the Association.

Section 2: A *cooperating* church shall be defined as follows:

a. One that shares the missionary spirit of the Association,

b. Elects and sends messengers to the annual meeting,

c. Contributes financially to the work of the Association each year, and

d. Provides an annual report to the Association upon the forms provided by the Associational Clerk.

Section 3: Any church may sever its working relationships with the Association at any time it chooses. Likewise, the Association may refuse to continue recognition of a church as a cooperating church when for two consecutive years without sufficient reason that church does not meet the stipulations stated in Section 2, or when for any other reason, approved by the Association in annual session, a church is considered by intent and action to be a liability to the fellowship and work of the Association.

Section 4: Churches desiring to relate themselves to the Association in its work and fellowship may do so by adhering to the following procedure:

a. Make application to the Associational Fellowship Committee for recognition as a *cooperating* Baptist church, such application to be made at least three months before the annual meeting of the Association.

b. Furnish the Fellowship Committee the information required in the annual letter of churches to the Association, plus such other information as the Committee may request for properly evaluating the application.

c. Upon recommendation by the Fellowship Committee and approval by the Association in annual session a church may come under the watch care of the Association for a period of one year. At the end of one year of watch care relationship and upon recommendation of the Fellowship Committee and approval by the Association, a church may be recognized as a cooperating church eligible to all privileges and responsibilities of a church cooperating in the work of the Alexander Association.

d. During the period of watch-care relationship a church shall meet the stipulations of Section 2 above.

e. In the case of new churches which anticipate a working relationship with the Association, duly elected representatives of the proposed church shall consult with the Moderator and Fellowship Committee of the Association relative to the need for another church, its location, and its proposed ministry. Upon the recommendation of of the Fellowship Committee the Executive Committee shall authorize such other assistance as is requested by the church or deemed necessary by the Executive Committee in developing a cooperating Missionary Baptist Church.

Article IV. MEETINGS

Section 1: The Association shall meet annually on Wednesday after the third Sunday of October and continue for two days sessions or longer, as seems wise to the Committee on Order of Business—subject to the approval of the Association in session. The place of meeting shall be determined at the previous session.

Section 2: The associational year shall begin on October 1 and continue through September 30.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall act for the Association between annual sessions. It shall meet quarterly and at any other time necessary to expedite associational business.

Article V. OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Alexander Association shall be the Associational Missionary—when there is one, Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Parliamentarian, Director of Training, and Three Trustees. These officers, except the Associational Missionary, shall be elected each year by the Association at its annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The Associational Missionary shall be called for an indefinite term of service, and may be called by the Association in annual session, or if necessary, by the Associational Executive Committee.

Section 2: Vacancies occurring in any office between sessions of the Association may be filled by the Executive Committee.

Article VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: It shall be the duty of the Associational Missionary to promote the whole missionary, educational, and social service program of the Association. He may serve as adviser to the officers, churches, committees, and departments of work of the Association. He shall work under the direction of and be subject to the authority of the Associational Missions Committee which shall in turn be subject to the Executive Committee. He shall exercise administrative supervision of all work assigned him by the Association, the Associational Executive Committee, or the Associational Missions Committee.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings of the body punctually at the appointed time, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall appoint in advance or at the opening session all necessary committees. Also, he shall serve as the presiding officer of the Executive Committee of the Association. His term of office shall be one year. He may not succeed himself after two consecutive terms of office.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence, and perform any other function delegated to him by the Moderator, the Association, or the Executive Committee.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep accurate and detailed records of the proceedings of the Association and superintend the printing and distributing of the same. He shall also keep accurate files of the printed minutes and have them bound at the order of the Association and delivered to the Associational office. The Clerk shall serve as Chairman of the Committee on Digest of Church Letters. He shall also keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Associational Executive Committee and serve as its official correspondent. He shall also serve as chairman of the Committee on Dedication of the Minutes.

Section 5: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by it and make a quarterly statement of the same.

Section 6: It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a historical sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and to record other facts of present and past history.

Section 7: It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to advise the Moderator upon points of order whenever necessary.

Section 8: It shall be the duty of the Trustees to serve as the legal officers of the Association, have responsibility for the maintenance of all property, and perform such other functions as may be delegated to them by the Association or the Executive Committee. Their term of office shall be for three years, with one member being elected each year.

Section 9: It shall be the duty of the Director of Training to consult with the Associational Calendar Committee in planning, promoting, and executing the Central Training School, and/or other such studies as the Executive Committee or Association shall authorize.

Section 10: It shall be the duty of the Director of Youth to correlate all youth activities of the Association, working with the Sunday School, Training Union, W.M.U. and Brotherhood.

Article VII. ORGANIZATION AND FINANCE

Section 1: An associational program of teaching, training, missions, stewardship, evangelism, and vocational guidance shall be promoted through the following departments of work: Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and Music. These departments of work shall have officers corresponding to those utilized in the local church and in the convention program of work.

Section 2: The expenses of the Association shall be defrayed by voluntary contributions from the churches, which contributions shall be sent regularly to the Associational Treasurer for that purpose.

Article VIII. COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1: To facilitate the transaction of the business of the Association and to undergird and implement the work of the various departments, the Moderator shall at each annual session appoint an Associational Committee on Nominations to serve for the following year. The Committee on Nominations shall be responsible for recommending to the Association at its next annual session all committees needed for carrying on associational work. All committees shall have three members unless otherwise specified.

Section 2: Committees shall serve for one year unless otherwise specified and shall be as follows:

a. *Nominations:* It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate all committees and officers called for by the constitution except for the Associational Missionary and the committee on Nominations. The committee on nominations will select first the Superintendent of Sunday School, Training Union Director, Brotherhood Director, Woman's Missionary Union Director, and Music Director and then

these will serve with the committee on Nominations in selecting all the other officers for presentation to the association for election.

The Nominating Committee shall, after consulting with the Moderator and outgoing member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention from our Association, be responsible for submitting a recommendation for his replacement as is necessary or invited. The Committee shall explain to the nominee some of his duties and responsibilities.

b. *Time, Place, and Preacher:* It shall be the duty of this committee to select the place of the next annual meeting, fix the time and name the preacher and alternate to preach the annual sermon. The committee shall serve until its successor is elected at the next annual session. In case of absolute necessity, the committee shall have the power to make substitutions for the time, place, and preacher. Such changes, where necessary and when possible to do so, shall be discussed with the Associational Executive Committee.

c. *Resolutions:* It shall be the duty of this committee to draw up and present to the Association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiment on any matter chosen by the committee or referred to it by the Association. This committee shall serve during the annual session only.

d. *Order of Business:* It shall be the duty of this committee to report a suggested order of business early in the opening session of the annual meeting of the Association. When adopted, its report shall become the order of the Association and cannot be changed except by vote of the majority of the body.

The Committee on Order of Business shall give a report of its plans to the Executive Committee at least one quarter before the annual session.

The host pastors of churches entertaining the annual session of the Association shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.

e. *Missions:* It shall be the duty of this committee to have general oversight of the work of the Associational Missionary; plan for, promote, and give guidance to the organization of new churches when and where practical; and provide information and make recommendations to the Association relative to missionary needs which might be met by cooperative effort. In event of a vacancy in the office of Associational Missionary, this committee will make recommendations to the Executive Committee as to a replacement.

f. *Fellowship:* It shall be the duty of this committee to consult with and make recommendations to the Association concerning any churches seeking to be affiliated with the work of the Association in accordance with the article on Membership.

g. *Evangelism:* It shall be the duty of this committee to devise ways and means of promoting evangelism in the churches of the Association.

h. *Finance:* It shall be the duty of this committee to plan and present to the Association a budget for the coming year. This committee shall also be responsible for promoting in the churches of the Association financial support for the Associational work.

i. *Music Education:* It shall be the duty of this committee to promote music in and through the churches, and to work with the committee on order of business in planning music for the annual meeting of the Association.

j. *Associational Calendar:* It shall be the duty of this committee to coordinate the activities of the Associational organizations and plan an associational calendar of activities. This committee shall be composed of the Associational Missionary, the Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Music Education Chairman, and Director of the Central Training School.

k. *Seminary Extension:* This committee shall be responsible for planning, promoting, and conducting Seminary Extension work among our churches.

l. *Dedication of Minutes:* This committee, with the Clerk of the Association as chairman, shall decide to whom the minutes shall be dedicated and shall be responsible for writing the dedication.

Article IX: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of all general officers of the Association listed in Article 5, the Sunday School Superintendent, Director of Training Union, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Chairman of Music Education, Chairman of all standing committees, the pastor of each church composing the Association, and one member from each church in the Association, which member shall be elected by the church he represents. Names of Executive Committee members from each church shall be sent by that church to the association in its annual letter.

Section 2: This committee shall meet quarterly and shall be presided over by the Moderator of the Association. The purpose of meeting shall always be to promote the interests of and carry forward the work of the Association and its member churches.

Section 3: In case of emergency, the Executive Committee may select a time and place and arrange for a special business session of the Association. Such a session shall be limited to the object for which it was convened. Membership of such a special business session shall be made up of messengers elected and accredited to the previous regular session.

Section 4: The Clerk shall make a report of Executive Committee proceedings to the Association in annual session. This report shall become a part of the Associational minutes.

Article X. RULES OF ORDER

Section 1: A majority of the enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2: Every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

Section 3: All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided by general parliamentary laws according to *Roberts Rules of Order.*

Article XI. CHANGE OR CHANGES

If and when a change in this constitution is desired or becomes necessary the proposed change or changes shall be presented to the constitution committee and then to the Executive Committee at least three months (one quarter) before the annual session, for study and consideration and then presented by the Constitution committee to the Association in annual session in October for the passage or rejection of proposed change or changes.

LITTLE RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday, October 24, 1973

Theme: PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER

9:30 Hymn—No. 31—STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS
Devotion ..... The Rev. Ronald Rowe
Antioch Baptist Church

9:40 Welcome by Host Pastor ..... The Rev. Arthur Jenkins
Little River Baptist Church
Organization ..... Moderator
Roll Call of Churches ..... Clerk
Order of Business ..... The Rev. Robert Boggs
Recognition of Visitors ..... Moderator
Recognition of New Pastors in the Association ..... Moderator
Announcements and Appointment of Committees ..... Moderator

10:15 *Our Agencies at Work*
North Carolina Baptist Hospital ..... The Rev. Gary Jennings
East Taylorsville Baptist Church
Address by a representative from N. C. Baptist Hospital
N. C. Baptist Homes ..... The Rev. James Meacham
Beulah Baptist Church
Children's Home ..... The Rev. H. I. Johnson
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Baptist Foundation ..... The Rev. Raymond White
Mt. Herman Baptist Church

10:30 A Time to Stand for Silent Prayer to Stretch Body & Soul

Baptist Annuity Board ..... The Rev. Ronald Rowe
Antioch Baptist Church

Address by The Rev. Sam O'Neal, Secretary, N. C. Baptist Dept. of Annuties, speaking for each State Agency.

Christian Education

Address by a representative from Campbell College

Biblical Recorder ..... Mr. Maurice Grant
Hiddenite Baptist Church

10:50 Report of Executive Committee ..... Clerk

Recognition of Visitors and Announcements ..... Moderator

11:00 Hymn—No. 269—HIGHER GROUND

Our Association at Work

Sunday School ..... The Rev. Marshall Sargent
Stony Point Baptist Church

Vacation Bible School ..... The Rev. Marshall Sargent
Stony Point Baptist Church

Church Training ..... Mrs. Marvel Reno
First Baptist Church

Woman's Missionary Union ..... Miss Marcella Hines
Hiddenite Baptist Church

Brotherhood ..... Mr. A. D. Lindsey
Stony Point Baptist Church

Evangelism ..... The Rev. Horace Moree
Macedonia Baptist Church

Missions ..... Mr. Walter Harrington
First Baptist Church

Special report from the Rev. Stanley Frye, Pastor Grace Chapel, concerning the progress of the Chapel.

Training School ..... Miss Emilyn Wagner
Bethlehem Baptist Church

11:29 A Time to Stand for Silent Prayer to Stretch Body & Soul

11:30 Miscellaneous Business

11:55 Historian's Report ..... Miss Lucy Echerd
First Baptist Church

12:00 Hymn—No. 56—I AM THINE, O LORD

Scripture and Prayer ..... The Rev. Eugene Warrick
Hiddenite Baptist Church

Annual Sermon ..... The Rev. Marshall Sargent
Stony Point Baptist Church

12:30 Adjourn for lunch

Prayer of Thanks ..... The Rev. Devon Dyson
Poplar Springs Baptist Church

LINNEY'S GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Thursday, October 25, 1973

Theme: PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER

9:30 Opening Hymn—No. 125—THE KINGDOM IS COMING
Opening Devotion ..... The Rev. Richard Anderson
Mt. Ridge Baptist Church

9:45 Welcome by Host Pastor ..... The Rev. William Nicholson
Linney's Grove Baptist Church
Announcements and Recognition of Visitors ..... Mr. Lindsey
Stony Point Baptist Church

9:55 *Our Missions at Work*
Foreign Missions ..... Mrs. Robert Roggs
First Baptist Church
Home Missions ..... Mrs. Marshall Sargent
Stony Point Baptist Church
State Missions ..... Mrs. Kermit Patterson
Macedonia Baptist Church
Co-operative Program for Mission Support ..... Mr. Blayne Hollar
Antioch Baptist Church
Address by the Rev. Robert C. Hensley
Associate in the N. C. Baptist Department of Stewardship and co-operative Program Promotion (also a foreign missionary from our S. B. C.)

10:30 Hymn—No. 46—ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS
Christian Action League Report .....
Co-Chairman The Rev. Gary Jennings
East Taylorsville Baptist Church
Address by The Rev. Coy C. Privette
President of the N. C. Christian Action League

11:00 A time to Stand for Silent Prayer to Stretch Body & Soul
Memorial Service ..... Clerk
Historian's Report ..... Miss Lucy Echerd
First Baptist Church

11:15 Treasurer's Report ..... Mr. Joe McDuffie
Little River Baptist Church
Adoption of Budget ..... Mr. Rayford Rogers
First Baptist Church
Report of Committees ..... Mr. Kenneth Kerley
Time, Place, Preacher ..... Mt. Herman Baptist Church
Resolutions ..... The Rev. Arthur Jenkins
Little River Baptist Church

11:30 A Time to Stand for Silent Prayer to Stretch Body & Soul
Nominations ..... The Rev. Otis Goins
Oxford Memorial Baptist Church
Election of Officers

11:45 Miscellaneous Business

12:00 Hymn—No. 390—TRUST AND OBEY
Inspirational Message ..... The Rev. James M. Lambert
Regional Associations Coordinator
(Introduction by Mr. Walter Harrington, Interim Association Missionary)
Hymn—BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

12:30 Adjourn for Lunch
Prayer of Thanks ..... The Rev. William Nicholson
Linney's Grove Baptist Church

RECOMMENDATIONS OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1973-1974

GENERAL OFFICERS

Promotional Secretary ..... Walter Harrington
General Board Representative ..... Raymond White
Moderator ..... Robert Boggs
Vice-Moderator ..... Ronald Rowe
Clerk ..... Mrs. Florrie Kerley
Treasurer ..... Miss Lucy Thompson
Historian ..... Miss Lucy Echerd
Parliamentarian ..... Herman Johnson
Director of Training ..... Miss Emilyn Wagner
Sunday School Director ..... Marshall Sargent
W M U Director ..... Miss Marcella Hines
Music Director ..... David Glover
Brotherhood Director ..... A. D. Lindsey
Church Training Director ..... Mrs. Blayne Hollar

TRUSTEES

1974	*1975*	*1976*
Van Tarlton, *Chm.*	Dal Reid	Eugene Johnson

STANDING COMMITTEES

Missions

Eugene Warrick, *Chm.*	Roy Jester	Arthur Jenkins

Finance

Rayford Rogers, *Chm.*	Gerald Goble	Mrs. Theron Beaman

Evangelism

Marshall Sargent, *Chm.*	James Meacham	Grady Kerley

Time, Place and Preacher

R. M. Grant, *Chm.*	Mrs. Ralph Land	Robert Boggs

Order of Business

Marshall Sargent, *Chm.*	Otis Goins	Richard Anderson

Constitution

Gray Lail, Chm. A. D. Lindsey Herman Johnson

Seminary Extension

Gary Jennings, *Chm.* Mrs. Eugene Warrick Mrs. Jimmy Chapman

Nominating Committee

H. I. Johnson, *Chm.* Arthur Jenkins Mrs. Eugene Warrick

Fellowship

A. D. Lindsey, *Chm.* Ray Shumate Walter Harrington

Resolutions

Arthur Jenkins, *Chm.* Lucy Echerd Gary Jennings

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Children's Home	Herman Johnson
Hospital	Gary Jennings
Home for Aging	James Meacham
Association Missions	Walter Harrington
State Missions	Mrs. Kermit Patterson
Foreign Missions	Mrs. Robert Boggs
Home Missions	Mrs. Marshall Sargent
Cooperative Program	Blayne Hollar
Baptist Foundation	Raymond White
Biblical Recorder	R. M. Grant
Christian Education	Mrs. Marvin Childers
Annuity	Ronald Rowe

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Director	Marshall Sargent
Vacation Bible School Director	Mrs. Jimmy Privette
Secretary	Mrs. Everette Yoder

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

W M U Director	Miss Marcella Hines
Assistant W M U Director	Miss Lucy Thompson
Baptist Women Director	Mrs. Marvin Childers
Baptist Young Women Director	Mrs. Robert Austin
Girls in Action Director	
Acteens Director	
Mission Friends Director	Miss Lucy Echerd
Secretary and Treasurer	Mrs. Kenneth Kerley

Respectfully submitted,
Otis Goins, *Chairman*
Raymond White
Eugene Warrick

LIST OF MESSENGERS

ANTIOCH: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Mrs. Carris Austin.
BETHLEHEM: Mrs. Ola Lewis, Mrs. Irene Privette, Mrs. Joy Bentley.
BEULAH: James Meacham.
CALVARY: Mrs. Betty Murphay, Mrs. Rachel Stevenson, Henkle Little.
HIDDENITE: Mrs. Marvin Childers, Mrs. Virginia Gwaltney, Mrs. Marie Houpe
LILEDOUN: James Lackey, Mary Sue Lackey, Addie Dagenhart.
LINNEY'S GROVE: Doris Bowles, Mrs. Ricthie Bowles, Mrs. Pleas McLean.
LITTLE RIVER: Lindsay Brown, Pauline Orren, Pearl Brown.
MACEDONIA: Mrs. Lola McHaffey, Mrs. Bill Kerr, Bill Kerr.
MILLERSVILLE: Bill Stafford, Anna Mae Rector, Ethel Fox.
MT. HERMAN: Thelma Deal, Pearl Johnson, Margie Mays.
MT. OLIVE: Marie Childers, Mary Bell Pearson, Dorothy Kerley.
MT. RIDGE: Richard Anderson, Larry Tester, Janie Keller.
OXFORD MEMORIAL: Sue Johnson, Odell Reid, Pender Caldwell.
PILGRIM: D. C. Johnson, Leslie Millsaps, R. L. Baity.
PLEASANT HILL: Verna Jolly, Pauline Childers, Ester Deal.
POPLAR SPRINGS: Nell Dagenhart, Evelyn Childers, Gussie Rogers.
SMYRNA: Juanita Stafford, Susie Barkley, Christain Kellian.
STONY POINT: Neal Starnes, Clarence Combs, Vance Stikeleather.
TAYLORSVILLE, EAST: Gary Jennings, Lanny Smith, Maurice Barnes.
TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST: Lucy Echerd, Mrs. Butler Chapman, Miss Daisy Ingram.

PROCEEDINGS

EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

Wednesday—October 24, 1973

1. The Eighty-Sixth Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association convened on October 24, 1973 at 9:30 o'clock at the Little River Baptist Church with A. D. Lindsey, Moderator presiding.
2. Walter Harrington led the congregation in singing "Stand Up For Jesus."
3. Ronald Rowe led the morning devotions with Scripture reading from I Corinthians 12:12:27 and led in prayer.
4. Arthur Jenkins, host pastor welcomed the session to Little River.
5. The clerk had the roll call with all 22 churches represented.
6. Robert Boggs moved the adoption of the order of business, Grady Kerley seconded motion. Voted on and approved.
7. The moderator welcomed visitors to the session and recognized new Pastors.
8. The moderator appointed the nominating committee for the coming year as follows: H. I. Johnson, Chairman, Arthur Jenkins, and Mrs. Eugene Warrick.

9. The moderator called attention to the reports of our agencies at work as listed in the book of reports. Each representative moved the adoption of his report. These were seconded and approved. Mr. M. M. Gross spoke for the Baptist Hospital and The Homes for the Aging, Woodrow Brookshire spoke on the Children's Homes, Sam O'Neil spoke for the Foundation, Annuity and the convention as a whole. Redge Alexander from Garner Webb College spoke for Christian Education.
10. Walter Harrington led the congregation in Singing "Higher Ground."
11. Attention was called to Our Association at Work. The leader of the different organizations moved the adoption of his report. These were seconded and approved.
12. Stanley Frye gave Mission report from the Grace Chapel Mission.
13. Silent Prayer.
14. Walter Harrington, Chairman of the Fellowship committee brought to the attention of the session that the Three Forks Baptist Church had applied for Membership into the Alexander Association. Mr. Harrington moved that they be accepted under the watchcare of the association for 1 year and at the next annual meeting be voted into full fellowship of the association. Grady Kerley seconded motion, voted on and carried.
15. Lucy Echerd gave the History of Little River Baptist Church.
16. Walter Harrington led the congregation in singing "I Am Thine O Lord."
17. Eugene Warrick led in the reading of scripture from Acts 11:22-26, Matthew 5:13-16.
18. J. D. Whisnette led in prayer.
19. Marshall Sargent brought the annual message "Living Up To Our Name as Christians."
20. Prayer of thanks for the noon meal was led by Devon Dyson.

Thursday Morning

21. The session was called to order by the moderator A. D. Lindsey.
22. Walter Harrington led in singing "The Kingdom is Coming."
23. Richard Anderson led the devotions with scripture and prayer.
24. William Nicholson welcomed the session to Linney's Grove.
25. A representative from the Biblical Recorder spoke to the session at this time.
26. Attention was called to Our Mission at work. Mrs. Robert Boggs moved the adoption of the Foreign Mission report, Marshall Sargent moved the adoption of the Home Mission report, the clerk moved the adoption of the State Mission report. These were seconded and approved.
27. Blayne Hollar moved the adoption of The Cooperative Program report and Robert Hensley spoke to our Missions at work.
28. Walter Harrington led in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers."
29. Gary Jennings thanked the people for their cooperation with the Christian Action League of Alexander County and introduced Coy Privette

who spoke for the N. C. Christian Action League and encouraged all to stand up and be counted and fight against Liquor by the Drink.

30. The congregation stood for silent prayer.
31. The clerk led in a memorial service for our deceased members.
32. Lucy Echerd gave the History of Linney's Grove Baptist Church.
33. Walter Harrington moved the adoption of the Treasurers report. This was seconded and carried.
34. The moderator called attention to the budget report and Raymond White made motion $1,000.00 be added to this budget in order to buy needed office equipment at the associational office. J. M. Barnes seconded motion, voted on and approved.
35. The moderator appointed Raymond White, Robert Boggs, and Florrie Kerley to purchase such equipment.
36. The clerk moved the adoption of the Time, Place and Preacher report, listed elsewhere.
37. Lucy Echerd gave the resolution committee report, listed elsewhere.
38. Horace Moree moved this be published in *The Taylorsville Times* the following week.
39. Otis Goins moved we adopt the report of the nominating committee, seconded and approved.
40. Officers were elected at this time. A prayer of dedication was led by Rayond White.
41. Eugene Warrick gave Mission Committee report, listed elsewhere, and brought this recommendation before the session: The mission committee by the approval of the executive committee recommends to the association that the Grace Baptist Chapel be separated from the sponsorship of the association and to become organized into a Missionary Baptist Church. Walter Harrington moved we accept this recommendation and Grady Kerley seconded, voted on and approved.
42. Raymond White made motion that the parliamentarian and moderator waiver the rule (section 4 item c) due to the unique circumstances so that the Grace Chapel could come under the watchcare of the association after they have constituted themselves into a church within 30 days and stay under the watchcare for the remainder of 1 year. H. I. Johnson seconded, voted on and carried.
43. Grady Kerley moved the clerk be present at the organization of Grace Chapel to act as clerk, seconded and approved.
44. Walter Harrington led in the singing of "Trust and Obey."
45. Walter Harrington introduced the speaker of the Hour, Rev. James Lambert, Regional Associations Coordinator. He spoke on "Working Together With People."
46. Walter Harrington led in singing "Bless Be The Tie."
47. William Nicholson led in a prayer of thanks for the noon meal and the Eighty-Sixth Session of the Alexander Baptist Association came to a close.

Respectfully submitted,
Florrie Kerley, *Clerk*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
1972 — 1973

Expense:	Association	Grace Chapel	Total
Salaries	$ 1,320.00	$1,200.00	$ 2,520.00
Office Expense	669.13	141.30	810.43
Utilities	228.24	59.42	287.66
Equip. & Imp. & Land	7,000.00	1,969.43	8,969.43
Travel	180.00		180.00
Fire Insurance	70.30		70.30
Convention Expense	32.21		32.21
Rent		900.00	900.00
Associational Minutes	937.64		937.64
Miscellaneous			
Sunday School		75.15	75.15
Training Union	10.75		10.75
Evangelism			
Music			
Brotherhood			
W M U	69.79		69.79
Central Training School	472.22		472.22
Seminary			
Associational Speaker			
Youth	2.08		2.08
Visial Aid			
V B S	72.53	14.65	87.18
Savings and Loan		650.00	650.00
	$11,064.89	$5,009.95	$16,074.84

Income:

Antioch	$ 980.63	$ 200.00	$ 1,180.63
Bethlehem	1,216.56	640.00	1,856.56
Beulah	65.50	440.00	505.50
Calvary	100.00		100.00
Hiddenite	300.00	100.00	400.00
Lebanon		300.00	300.00
Liledoun	100.00		100.00
Linney's Grove	63.00	50.00	113.00
Little River	125.00		125.00
Macedonia	225.00	100.00	325.00
Millersville	35.00	100.00	135.00
Mt. Herman	245.00	130.00	375.00
Mt. Olive	75.00	480.00	555.00
Mt. Ridge	175.00		175.00
Oxford Memorial	496.49	1,000.00	1,496.49
Pilgrim	96.00		96.00
Pleasant Hill	200.00	240.00	440.00
Poplar Springs	250.00	100.00	350.00
Smyrna	972.02	201.58	1,173.60

Stony Point	500.04	175.00	675.04
Taylorsville, East	405.08	150.00	555.08
Taylorsville, First	1,000.08	400.00	1,400.08
Other	36.13	2,490.85	2,526.98
Offerings		3,761.82	3,761.82
Total Income	$7,661.53	$11,059.25	$18,720.78
Savings deposited in Savings and Loan not going in bank		560.00	560.00
	$7,661.53	$11,619.25	$19,280.78
In Bank 10/1/72	5,181.37		5,181.37
Deposits	7,661.53	11,059.25	18,720.78
Checks	11,064.89	5,009.95	16,074.84
In Bank 9/30/73	1,778.01	6,049.30	7,827.31
Total Receipts	7,661.53	11,059.25	18,720.78
Total Checks	11,064.89	5,009.95	16,074.84
	$−3,403.36	+6,049.30	+2,645.94

$650.00 of this for Grace Chapel is in the Taylorsville Savings & Loan on Savings and $560.00 which was never run through the bank is also on Savings making a total of $1,210.00 on Savings.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Salary and Travel Expense	$1,500.00
Convention and Ridgecrest Expense	150.00
Office Expense	600.00
Utilities	200.00
Repairs and Maintenance	200.00
Equipment	1,150.00
Associational Minutes	900.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
Fire Insurance	75.00
Sunday School	175.00
Training Union	225.00
Evangelism	100.00
Music	50.00
Brotherhood	100.00
W M U	175.00
Central Training School	350.00
Seminary Extension	300.00
Associational Speaker	100.00
Youth	500.00
Visual Aid	50.00
Vacation Bible School	100.00
TOTAL	$7,150.00

Respectfully submitted,
Rayford Rogers, *Chm.*
Gerald Goble
Mrs. Theron Beaman

MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The members of the mission committee met with the members of the Grace Baptist Chapel on August 18 of this year for a special business meeting. During the business meeting, the members of the Chapel voted to ask the mission committee to recommend to the Alexander Baptist Association at their annual meeting to give them permission to be separated from the sponsorship of the association and to become organized into a church.

The members of the Grace Baptist Chapel desire to enter into the fellowship of the association under the watchcare of the association and then be organized into a church within 30 days. After being organized into a church, the members of the chapel will make application to be affilated as an active church in our association 90 days prior to the annual associational meeting. The mission church will then be under the watchcare of the association for one year.

The mission committee informed our moderator of the desires of the members of the Grace Baptist Chapel and he then called a special executive committee meeting on September 17. The members of the executive committee discussed this matter thoroughly and voted to recommend to the association at their annual meeting that the Grace Baptist Chapel be given permission to be separated from the sponsorship of the association and to become organized into a mission church.

Respectfully submitted,
Eugene Warrick, *Chm.*
Roy Jester
Mrs. U. L. Hafer

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER REPORT

The Eighty-Seventh Session of the Alexander Baptist Association will be held on October 23, 1974 with the Stony Point Baptist Church and on October 24, 1974 with the Smyrna Baptist Church. The annual message will be brought by Ronald Rowe and the alternate preacher will be Roy Jester.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Kerley, *Chm.*
Mrs. Earl Teague
Mrs. Bulter Chapman

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it hereby resolved:

First: we thank our Heavenly Father for another year in which to serve Him and for the beautiful Autumn weather for meeting in Christian Fellowship.

Second: to the host churches, Little River and Linney's Grove, we offer our gratitude for the hospitality shown us and the delicious food enjoyed by all those attending.

Third: we express our appreciation for the work of our Moderator, the many hours spent by our efficient Clerk and the inspirational program planned by our Committee on Order of Business.

Fourth: we re-affirm our stand against the sale and use of alcohol and on recommendations of the Executive Committee, present the following Resolution which shall be printed in *The Taylorsville Times:*

WHEREAS, N. C. citizens will go to the polls on November 6, 1973, to determine whether or not Liquor-by-the-Drink can be sold in North Carolina:

WHEREAS, according to the Health, Education, Welfare Report of December, 1971, on ALCOHOL AND HEALTH, reveals states with by-bottle sales in N. C. have a lower per capita consumption rate of liquor than states with by-bottle and by-drink sales; and in fact, N. C. is 42nd in rank in per capita consumption;

WHEREAS, greater consumption will result in more alcohol-related problems especially the number of alcoholics and according to the Rutgers University School of Alcohol Studies, N. C. ranks 47th in number of alcholics per 100,000 population;

WHEREAS, Liquor-by-the-Drink will encourage drinking and driving when we are now told by highway experts that in the last three years at least 64% of all highway fatalities reveal the evidence of whiskey-at-the-wheel;

WHEREAS, the proposed referendum does not deal with the "brown-bagging" problem but just adds another dimension of the distribution of liquor in N. C.;

WHEREAS, tourism is growing in N. C. without liquor-by-the-drink which reveals that this matter is not needed in a state where its tourism is family oriented;

WHEREAS, Liquor-by-the-Drink is basically being promoted by those who seek to make fantastic profits off of the sale of liquor;

WHEREAS, our federal government states that liquor is our no. 1 drug problem;

WHEREAS, Liquor-by-the-Drink will mean more social pressure on young people;

WHEREAS, Liquor-by-the-Drink is just a foot in the door for open bars;

WHEREAS, Liquor-by-the-Drink will mean more crime in our community;

WHEREAS, Liquor by-the-Drink is usually followed by efforts to legalize gambling.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Jenkins, *Chm.*
Robert Boggs
Lucy Echerd

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

In May of this year Baptist Hospital observed its 50th Anniversary. The hospital opened its doors in May of 1923 "to bring healing art more definitely under the dominion of the Great Healer."

The anniversary was celebrated jointly with the dedication of the new Reynolds Tower, a 16-story patient care facility. The completion of the Tower brings the total bed capacity to 655, placing Baptist Hospital within the top 10 per cent (in size) among hospitals in the United States. When the renovation of older sections of the hospital is completed the total number of beds will be 717.

Construction has begun on an ambulatory care building which will

house the emergency room, several outpatient clinics, the Physical Therapy Department, and an Oncology (cancer) Clinic and Research Laboratories. This building and the above-mentioned renovation will complete the present Medical Center Development Program.

Last November the Baptist State Convention heard the report of the Committee of 15 and adopted its recommendations. The hospital has been seeking to implement these recommendations.

1. A Medical Center Committee, composed of 8 Trustees from the Baptist Hospital Board and 8 from the Wake Forest University Board, has been appointed. This committee will consider matters involving the Medical Center and its future operation.
2. In January the hospital trustees appointed a committee of three to review appropriations from the Mother's Day Fund and assist hospital personnel in making decisions on some specific requests for assistance. The hospital continues to provide care for people who cannot pay, valued at far in excess of the total Mothers Day Offering. The auditors' confirmed value of this care in 1972 was $1,390,000—nearly four times the amount of the Mother's Day Offering—and this does not include the value of physicians' service, provided without cost to these service patients.
3. The Department of Pastoral Care is expanding its services to provide training for lay people. Dr. Mahan Siler joined the staff June 1 to head up this new work. The department also anticipates the establishment of several sattlelite counseling and training centers in the state, beginning in the near future. Your Cooperative Program gifts support the work of the department.

The hospital's financial operation is "in the Black", and there has not been a general room rate increase in 2½ years. As of this date the Mother's Day Offerings are running ahead of last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Jennings

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Christian child care is a creative opportunity. The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina is committed to quality care which nurtures the whole person, physically, mentally, emotionally socially, and spiritually. It is our hope that each child in our care will have the opportunity to develop the full potental which is his by God's creation.

Hundreds of children, scattered between Manteo and Murphy, are dependent upon North Carolina Baptists and other friends for whatever opportunities and security life will afford them. These are served from three primary centers of operation, namely: Kennedy Home in the East, Mills Home in the Piedmont and Broyhill Home in the West. We provide assistance through group care, foster homes are, family services, pre-school education, higher education and maternity care.

Our services continue to be strengthened in Western North Carolina. Several additions have been made on the Broyhill Home campus. Two new cottages were completed and occupied in January of this year, increasing the

capacity of that campus to approximately fifty boys and girls. The lake has been completed and stocked with rainbow trout. The circular drive has been extended and considerable landscaping and beautification is in evidence. An administration building and recreation building are under construction.

We need many families who will open their hearts and homes to foster children. We do not have room at Broyhill Home for all the boys and girls in Western North Carolina who need our help. Any family interested in exploring this Christian service to children should write or call our nearest office.

We are dependent upon our Baptist people and other friends for financial support through the Cooperative Program, the Thanksgiving Offering and special gifts. The increase in cost of food, Clothing, supplies and services make these sources of income all the more important to our continuing operation.

It shall be our purpose in the future, as in the past, to keep faith with our Baptist people in providing a Christian home and way of life for promising boys and girls. Thank you for the numerous ways you help to make this ministry possible.

Respectfully submitted,
H. I. Johnson

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES

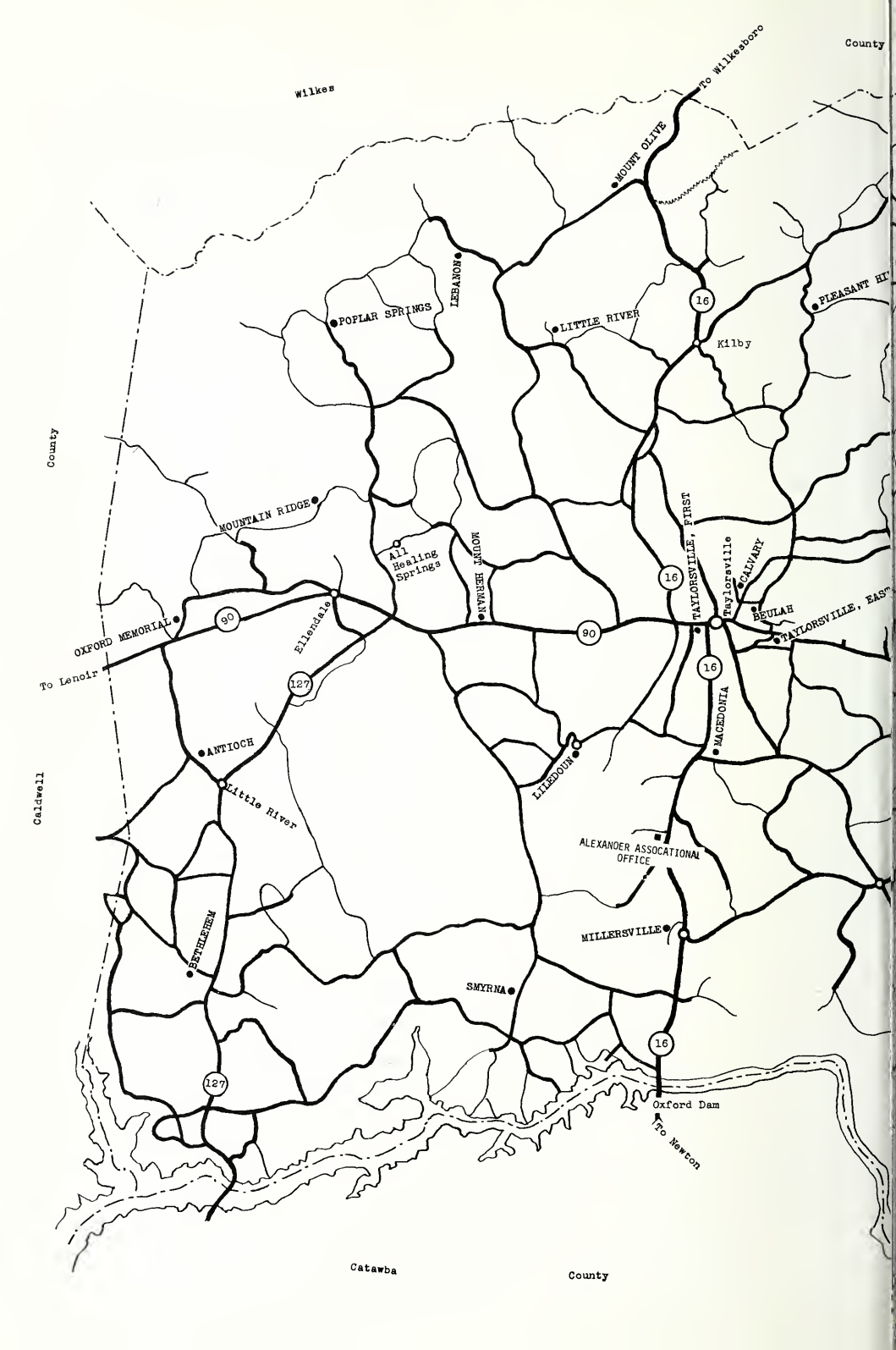
One of the most meaningful things that you do as a Baptist is the share that you have in the ministry of your North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging. As you look back with us upon the twenty-two years of this ministry, and the last year in particular, there are distinctive blessings that we would like to call to your mind and heart.

In the first place, there is no greater realization that we can have together than the awareness of the fact that this special ministry to older people is a venture of faith in God. It always has been. We hope that it always will be. God has brought us from one Home to five resident Homes, with two located in Winston-Salem (Resthaven and the Hayes Home), and one each in Albermarle, Hamilton, and Yanceyville. These Homes have a capacity for 162 residents, there is a Nursing Care Unit in Winston-Salem, with a capacity for 63 patients, and serving all of the Homes' residents, when nursing care is needed. Four out of every five persons who come to us in our Homes for the Aging are persons whose income is very limited. They look to you, through your love gifts, for a supplement to their care, and all of us look to the Lord continually for His great love. This, therefore, is a venture of faith.

Never forget that this is your ministry, on behalf of Christ, to older persons and that they simply could not be ministered unto without your love gifts. Specifically, during the past year, through your gifts, you contributed $185 a month for the care of the majority of the residents in your five Baptist Homes. Through the Special Offering you contributed 20% of the total income of the Homes, and through the Cooperative Program, you gave 10% of the total budget needed. The tie that binds this ministry to the hearts of our Baptist people and our Baptist Churches is a very special one and a very distinctive one indeed.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1887	Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner	J. M. Hendren	W. E. White
1888	Antioch	J. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1889	Bethel	J. B. Poole	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1890	Concord	D. W. Poole	L. P. Gwaltney	T. A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W. J. Bumgarner	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J. M. Shaver	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D. W. Poole	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J. A. White	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L. P. Gwaltney	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J. J. Reach	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D. W. Poole	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R. L. Davis	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R. L. Davis	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O. A. Keller	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1905	Antioch	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1906	Bethel	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1908	Concord	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1909	Damascus	J. M. Shaver	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1910	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J. M. Shaver	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D. W. Poole	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E. V. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1918			J. W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B. F. Austin	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T. H. Williams	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T. E. Payne	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L. E. Barnes	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J. W. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1924	Concord	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J. M. McAlpine	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1927	Mt. Olive	J. H. Boggs	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C. C. Holland	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J. L. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S. I. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A. T. Howell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod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All Healing Springs
MOUNT HERMAN
TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST
Taylorsville
CALVARY
BEULAH
TAYLORSVILLE, EAST
OXFORD MEMORIAL
90
Ellendale
To Lenoir
127
ANTIOCH
Little River
LILEDOUN
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MILLERSVILLE
SMYRNA
Oxford Dam
To Newton
Catawba
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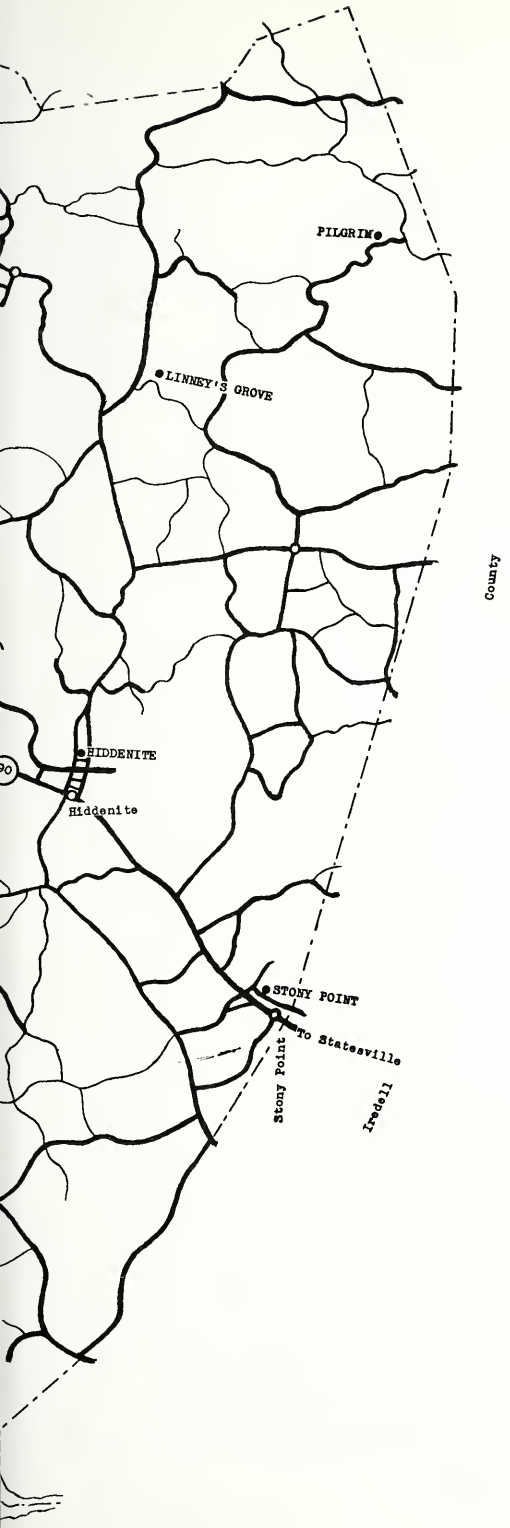

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CAPITAL LETTERS — Churches

Little Letters — Locations; towns, etc.

Black Dots — Church Houses

Encircled Figures — Highway Numbers

Broad Heavy Lines — Paved Roads

Light Narrow Lines — Dirt Roads

Broken Lines — County Boundries

Bridges are not shown.

The southern border is Catawba River.

The square on Highway 16 marks the office of the association.

The whole map involves only the area of County.

1936	Fairview	F. A. Pennell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1937	East Taylorsville	Lee James	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C. C. Holland	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T. L. Blalock	A. E. Watts	G. L. Chatham
1941	Pilgrim	J. C. Gwaltney	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E. C. Shoe	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1944	First Taylorsville	H. L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus	E. C. Shoe	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Three Forks			
1947	East Taylorsville	A. E. Watts	A. C. Payne	H. L. Good
	Taylor Springs			
1948	Poplar Springs	A. B. Bumgarner	Homer L. Good	W. W. Harrington
	Bethel			
1949	Antioch	W. O. Johnson	E. V. Bumgarner	W. W. Harrington
	Hiddenite			
1950	Liledoun	J. A. Icenhour	A. B. Bumgarner	J. L. Wells
	Mt. Herman			
1951	Stony Point	J. L. Wells	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	East Taylorsville			
1952	First Taylorsville	J. R. Lail	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	Smyrna			
1953	Pleasant Hill	David C. Boaz	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Bethlehem			
1954	Pilgrim	Herman Johnson	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Little River			
1955	Linney's Grove	R. L. Dixon	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Hiddenite			
1956	Liledoun	H. L. Good	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1957	Macedonia	W. O. Warren	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	First Taylorsville			
1958	Antioch	Horace Moree	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1959	Beulah	I. V. Couch	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Stony Point			
1960	Poplar Springs	H. M. Cartner	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1961	Liledoun	Ralph Kerley	James Teague	W. O. Warren
	Little River			
1962	Pleasant Hill	Henkle Little	R. L. Dixon	W. O. Warren
	Hiddenite			
1963	Bethlehem	Robert Winecoff	R. L. Dixon	W. O. Warren
	Antioch			
1964	Smyrna	James Lockee	Horace Moree	W. O. Warren
	Millersville			
1965	Macedonia	Walter Howell	Horace Moree	W. O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1966	Stony Point	Arthur Jenkins	Marion Powell	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1967	Calvary	Oliver Price	Marion Powell	W. O. Warren
	Liledoun			
1968	First Church	Marion Powell	Oliver Price	W. O. Warren
	Mount Olive			
1969	Antioch	Devon Dyson	Oliver Price	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1970	Poplar Springs	Marvin Willis	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Hiddenite			
1971	Bethlehem	Raymond White	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Mountain Ridge			
1972	Oxford Memorial	Horace Moree	A. D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Pleasant Hill			
1973	Little River	Marshall Sargent	A. D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Linney's Grove			

Be glad also for the fact that your love gifts make possible quality care. It has often been said of the ministry of our Baptist Homes that there is no finer care that an older person can receive this side of Heaven than the care given in our Homes for the Aging. Everything that we do for Christ should be this way, and we are certainly trying to give Him our best day by day in our ministry to the older people in our care. There is someone serving around the clock, watching over the residents and patients even as they sleep. One of our Supervisors, or "Mothers," as they are often called was given the name of Guardian Angel, when a resident, during an illness discovered later that the "Mother" was keeping vigil just outside her door

God bless you for your share in this ministry to the aging, which is both special and distinctive, Pray for us, come to see us, and continue to support this ministry as liberally and loyally in the future as you have in the past.

Respectfully submitted,
James Meacham

BAPTIST FOUNDATION

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., is a charitable corporation, chartered under the laws of the State of North Carolina by the Baptist State Convention, encourages, receives, and manages gifts and bequests for benefit of all Baptist institutions, agencies, and causes fostered and supported by the North Carolina and Southern Baptist Conventions. The Foundation is not a competitive agency but a service agency dedicated to the task of undergirding all Baptist work. It encourages the donor to use the local church as a channel for directing the income Foundation trusts to the benefiting cause. The operating expense of the Foundation is received from the Cooperative Program of the Convention.

The Foundation Executive Secretary is available to assist churches and individuals interested in a program of perpetual stewardship, particularly as it relates to estate planning, involving gifts to Baptist institutions, agencies, and causes. The Foundation provides a means for establishing trusts to benefit these Christian causes. The Foundation provides a means for establishing trusts to benefit these Christian causes was well as providing an opportunity for perpetual stewardship witness. Through gifts of property, cash, or securities during lifetime, donors and/or other beneficiaries can receive annuities from the Foundation during their lifetime, and can also receive certain tax benefits provided for such gifts.

Responsibilities for the administration of the Foundation is vested in a fifteen member board of directors elected by the Baptist State Convention. The present board consists of thirteen prominent and successful business and professional men and women and two outstanding pastors, all of whom are dedicated to the best management of the sacred trust funds now placed in the Foundation. The investment policy calls for investment in quality securities with diversification, good income, and balanced growth potential.

At the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972, the cost or inventory value of all securities, notes and principal cash of all funds being administered by the Foundation exceeded $713,560.00, (real estate not included). During the preceding year, beneficiaries of existing trusts were paid $23,483.82. A total

of $105,531.08 has been paid to Baptist institutions, agencies, and causes during the past five years from the income of invested Foundation funds.

For information relative to establishment of a trust fund through a gift or a bequest or for details regarding a gift annuity, life income agreements, or charitable remainder trusts, please contact The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc. P. O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N. C. 27611, or telephone: 919 883-1605.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond White

ANNUITY BOARD

The Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention this year added new benefits or increased benefits for most active and retired pastors, church staff members and denominational workers it serves.

For annuitants (retirees, widows and disabled persons) on the roll December 31, 1972, monthly income checks have been permanently increased by 6 per cent. Just before Christmas, 1972, more than 7,000 annuitants received "13th checks" amounting to the size of two extra months benefits. The "13th checks" are paid in addition to the regular monthly payments.

Participants in Plans A-10, A-11 and A 25 on January 1, 1973 had their accrued credits increased by 10 per cent in "good experience credit," and Plan B participants received an additional interest credit based on the Board's good experience on its investments. In addition, the Board approved (subject to action by state conventions) an increase in widow benefits under Plan A to 50 per cent of the potential or actual retirement benefit; previously it was 40 per cent. This increase applies to those retiring January 1, 1973 or thereafter.

More than 9,000 insurance policyholders transferred from the previous Health Benefit Plan with Blue Cross-Blue Shield to the new plan begun January 1, 1973 with Aetna Life Insurance Company.

The Board reported several records for its operations in 1972. Funds held in trust for over 38,000 participants in retirement plans passed $300 million for the first time. Investment income reached a new high for 1972 of more than 22 million. Retirement and other protection benefits paid out for the 12-month period surpassed $10 million for the first time.

The total amount of money paid in "13th checks" exceeded one million dollars, also for the first time. Good investment results in 1972 on funds held to pay benefits account for this dividend..

Income from premiums and dues topped $30 million, another record.

As of June 1, 1973, 13 churcehs in Alexander Association were participating in the Retirement Program.

Information on the Annuity Board may be secured by writing, Development Office, Annuity Board, SBC, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas, 75201.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Rowe

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

In North Carolina, Baptist Churches and Baptist Colleges enjoy a supportive partnership. It is still true that most of our pastors, missionaries, church staff members and denominational leaders are educated in Baptist colleges. Another outstanding example of church-college cooperation is the Baptist Youth Corps, which provided dedicated student leadership for more than eighty North Carolina Baptist churches during the summer of 1973.

As always, our North Carolina Baptist colleges are grateful for the support coming to them through the Cooperative Program. During 1973 more than two million dollars will be given to support Christian higher education.

The colleges make a special effort to recruit N. C. Baptist students. In fact, no qualified student is turned down in any of our colleges because of inability to pay. The churches help to make this possible through the Cooperative Program and the Baptist College Scholarship Offering on Father's Day. Baptist colleges stress the importance of the individual student, and are anxious to enroll the youth from our churches who plan to attend college.

Since 1945, the cooperative efforts and relationships of our Baptist Colleges have been coordinated by the council on Christian Higher Education of the Baptist State Convention. The Council office is eager to assist both the churches and the colleges as together they help to create persons and a world as Christ would have them.

Respectfully submitted,
C. T. Stephens, Jr.

BIBLICAL RECORDER

This has been another good year for the BIBLICAL RECORDER, thanks to your support and confidence. One of the milestones reached in the past year was passing the 100,000 mark in circulation. This occurred in May and circulation has now risen to nearly 106,000—the highest in the 140-year history of the RECORDER. This has been achieved largely because more churches are putting the RECORDER in the budget, thus saving money and also time and effort that is put forth each year to renew their subscriptions under the Club Plan of four or more.

All of these things are encouraging to those getting out the RECORDER each week. They feel their obligation to North Carolina Baptists is to get out the finest paper possible—one that is attractive and filled with interesting and helpful material. In addition, news coverage of meetings such as the Committee of 11 is needed if North Carolina Baptists are to settle this issue which has come up in the last two state conventions. Associate Editor Toby Druin has covered every meeting of this committee which is studying the baptism issue in our state. The RECORDER will carry the full report of this committee 60 days before the convention meers in Greensboro. The RECORDER'S coverage of these important meetings will do much to help messengers arrive at the right decision in November. This is the Baptist way—full information which comes with freedom of the press.

As you know, the RECORDER has for years led the fight against liquor by the drink. Now the issue is up to the people in a statewide referendum on November 6. The RECORDER will continue to give you information that will help win this fight against the liquor interest and those who would

profit from liquor by the drink if this passes—which we hope and pray it won't. If individual Baptists will become as concerned about this evil as the RECORDER is, a great victory for decency will be won in November.

Those of you who receive the RECORDER know what it contains each week—timely editorials, news of your fellow Baptist churches and fellow Christians, excellent photographs and covers, interesting personal columns, Letters to the Editor, and many other features. It is a Baptist family journal devoted to that which is wholesome and helpful.

Those of you who don't get the RECORDER should subscribe immediately either by putting the RECORDER in your budget for only $2.50 a year or by starting a club of four or more for only $3 a year. Where else can you get so much for so little?

Respectfully submitted,
R. Maurice Grant

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Several of the churches in the Association have reported increases in Sunday School enrollment and attendance this past year. Some have exceeded the 10% increase encouraged by the Sunday School Board. This is gratifying and we trust more churches will be striving for enlargement in the coming year.

Mr. Walter Harrington and I attended the Sunday School Week at Ridgecrest. We are hopeful that much of what we learned can be implemented in the Association, especially the Associational Sunday School Enlargement and Improvement Campaign. The main emphasis seemed to be the need and responsibility of going to the people (they are not coming to us) and share God's Word with them. This is a cardinal principle in any successful Sunday School program. We have the resources; now we need the motivation and desire to go find and enlist people in our Sunday Schools.

Let us resolve to make this year a successful one in terms of our Sunday School endeavors, with visions anew of what can be accomplished under the leadership and direction of the Holy Spirit. May our work and purpose be to strengthen and enrich the lives of all people.

Respectfully submitted,
Marshall E. Sargent

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

To this point, seventeen churches have reported their Vacation Bible Schools. All indications are that we had a good year. In addition, we are happy to report that Grace Baptist Chapel had a successful school with an enrollment exceeding eighty. We delight in those reports that showed an increase in enrollment and attendance. Moreover, we hope in the coming year we will put forth unprecedented efforts to have productive, fruitful Bible Schools in our churches.

There were eight persons who attended the State VBS Clinic at Wingate College. Seven were from Alexander Association and one was from Rocky Face Association. I am personally grateful to all of those who attended and who prepared for the Associational Clinic. I feel this too was a success.

There were more than two hundred people present at the Associational Clinic. Representatives from churches in both, Alexander and Rocky Face Associations attended.

A person is never too young or too old to learn and grow in the spiritual realm. Hence, we have an opportunity for an effective ministry through our Vacation Bible Schools There is no way we can measure the true success of the schools, nor will we perhaps ever know the pronounced influence they make on the lives of those attending; but since the Bible is being taught, we do know there is inevitably an influence

May your next VBS be the best one ever.

Respectfully submitted,
Marshall E. Sargent

TRAINING

On October 9-11, 1972, ten churches—Antioch, Bethlehem, Beulah, Hiddenite, Millersville, Mt. Herman, Pleasant Hill, Smyrna, East Taylorsville, and Taylorsville First—were represented in the Associational Training School held in the First Baptist Church. The emphasis was on Sunday School. State approved teachers led each of the seven classes for workers in the various age groups. There was an enrollment of 118, with an average attendance of 93.

Mrs. Lanny Elmore, missionary to Uganda, led the Youth. Mission books were taught in the Older Children's group and in the Younger Children's group, and provisions were made for Pre-schoolers.

Respectfully submitted,
Emilyn Wagner

CHURCH TRAINING

We have 10 churches in our Association with Church Training programs with approximately 950 members.

This year thirteen boys and girls age 9-11 years, from East Taylorsville, Antioch and Hiddenite churches, participated in the Scripture Exploring Drill Tournament, May 21. Going on to State at Fruitland. It is hoped that more churches will participate in this fine program, this coming year.

Our annual M-Night was held at Beulah Baptist Church.

Some of our churches are using the Short-term Training on Sunday nights, and finding it very successful. Also Bible Study and New Member Orientation.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Marvel Reno

EVANGELISM

"Sharing Christ Now" was the theme of the 27th Statewide Evangelism Conference at Ovens Auditorium, Charlotte—February 5-7, 1973. Over 2,400 pastors and lay persons were challenged by outstanding speakers to lead their people to become more involved in the work of evangelism. The closing session on Wednesday, February 7, was held at Pritchard Memorial

Church, with an emphasis on prayer and personal renewal.

The Division of Evangelism has encouraged churches to participate in KEY 73. One hundred and fifty denominations are sharing in this evangelistic effort. The purpose of KEY 73 is to unite all Christians in the task of evangelism and to enable Christians to confront every person in the United States and Canada with the Gospel of Christ.

It is thrilling what the Holy Spirit is doing through the ministry of our first summer youth evangelism team. Three college students — Steve Stout, Cooleemee; Terry Crouse, Lenoir, and Christy Farrior, Williamston, are leading in music, preaching in youth revivals, and directing youth witness training sessions in churches from Marshall to Washington.

During June 11-15 over 730 youth and adults were present for the Youth Ministries Week at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly, with the emphasis on Evangelism Vocational Guidance, and Recreation. Eighty-one youth made various decisions, including sixteen professions of faith.

Over 16,000 youth, pastors, and adult leaders are expected to attend the 3rd Statewide Youth Evangelism Night at Greensboro Coliseum on August 17. It is exciting how God is using the witness of thousands of Christian youth across our state in a tremendous manner.

The response of youth and adults to Lay Evangelism Schools in the past twenty months has been outstanding. 9,564 youth and adults have participated in this lay witness training from 720 churches and 34 associations. Also, 107 pastors from nine associations shared in a Pastor's Retreat to learn how to lead their churches in Lay Evangelism Schools.

The Division of Evangelism in cooperation with the Department of City and Metropolitan Missions will sponsor a Metropolitan Missions and Evangelism seminar on October 10 at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest with the theme: "Reaching the Cities for Christ."

The 28th Statewide Evangelism Conference will be at War Memorial Auditorium, Greensboro, during February 4-6, 1974.

Let us thank God for the excellent reports of revival meetings, city-wide crusades, and evangelism clinics. Remember to pray for the TOGETHER WE ADVANCE emphasis that we may strive to attain a 10% increase in baptisms, C. P. gifts, Bible Study enrolment and Association Missions gifts.

Respectfully submitted,
Horace Moree

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

The Alexander Baptist Association was organized at Macedonia Baptist Church in 1887 by the churches of the South District of the Brushy Mountain Association, being the churches located on the South side of the Brushy Mountains.

The delegate promised to try to raise $82.00 to support Elder Bumgarner, this is thought to be Rev. W. J. Bumgarner, father of E. V. Bumgarner. The second session minutes states that "The first field of Missions that shall claim our attention is the Associational Missions. This should be encouraged."

So you see that Associational Missions was started early in this Association.

At the eighth session in 1894 the report says, "We recommend the work of Brother J. M. Saver along the Catawba River, to the earnest attention of this body," The minutes of 1897 states, "State and Associational Missions work are now blended into one work." But from the amount given not much could be done for either. In 1899, we encourage the churches to increase the work in and near the bounds of the Association."

The central theme throughout the years has been, Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

I do not have anything from 1899-1914 when a resolution was passed to begin to supply the destitute along the Catawba River with the Gospel, and that Elder J. W. Watts be encouraged and urged to devote one Sunday each month to preaching to these people, and that the churches be urged to support him. The next year the Mission report earnestly recommended the work of Brother Watts in the bounds of this Association which is bearing fruit to the honor and glory of God. Before long two Baptist Churches: Millersville and Smyrna were organized in the territory, both in 1923.

Now we have Grace Baptist Chapel. The history of this mission makes up the Associational Mission report for this year. The green light was given at the last annual session and Rev. Stanley Frye was elected pastor by the Association. Two acres of land in a most desirable location was purchased by the Association, a well was dug, septic tank installed and a mobile unit rented. Since then the two acres has been traded for five acres adjoining the original tract.

Services of Sunday School and Worship were begun the Second Sunday of February, with two members 27 in Sunday School and 38 for Worship. The Associational Missionary helped the mission to get started by teaching and with the music and since, along with the mission committee has supported the mission in every way.

There has been a steady growth from the beginning under the direction of Rev. Frye, Joe Elmore, Supt. of Sunday School, Roy Miller, Mrs. Stanley Frye, Mrs. Joe Elmore and others. They have reached 50 in Sunday School and 59 in preaching service. There have been 18 joined for baptism and 40 in all.

This group now feels that they are ready to be constituted into a church. The Missions Committee and Association Missionary are recommending that this request be granted. This recommendation was approved by the Executive Committee in a special session on September 16. It is also urged that the churches of the Association continue support with their prayers, Christian fellowship and finances.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Harrington

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Alexander Baptist Association met on regular scheduled meeting dates and in three special called meetings. Minutes of all actions of the committee were taken and are on file at the Associational Office and may be referred to at any time.

We appreciate the interest shown in the work of the association by a majority of our churches, and urge those who did not attend the executive meetings regular to do so this year. You are needed to help make important decisions, and to help promote the work of our Association.

May we depend on you?

Respectfully submitted,
A. D. Lindsey, *Moderator*

HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board came into being because the churches felt they needed an agency to do things which they could not do alone and individually.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary of the Board says: "We belong to the churches. We add a plus to what the churches are doing, and we understand this plus to be the crossing of barriers that are very difficut for a single church to cross, or sometimes all the churches in a state to cross without a national organization."

These barriers which concern the HMB as it plans its work for the future are: geographical barriers, cultural-religious barriers, social-economic barriers and scarcity barriers created by the resources. Each of these four areas present special challenges.

In cooperation with the state conventions, associations, and churches the HMB is seeking to carry the gospel across these barriers in behalf of the Southern Baptists to all people.

As 1973 began, the HMB was assisting some 450 churches in states where Southern Baptist had not worked before 1940. Building and/or site loans were provided to 1,104 churches.

The HMB supports more than 2,300 missionaries. Almost 1,000 of these missionaries serve among minority ethnic groups. Two-hundred fifty missionaries serve through Christian social ministries, 46 serve disadvantaged persons through Christian Social ministries. Summer student missionaries number close to 800 as they serve in many difficult fields.

More than $15 million is spent annually by the HMB in implementing, developing and promoting mission programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Marshall E. Sargent

STATE MISSIONS

The churches are on mission to people under the Lordship of Christ—Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8. Churches in a cooperative plan express their mission beyond the local congregation. State Missions is interrelated by planning and financing with associations, the State Convention, Home and Foreign Mission Boards. There is a ministry of State Missions expressed within the local church in Evangelism, Church Programs, and Stewardship Promotion. State Missions is Christian Social Service expressed through institutions. State Missions is churches expressing a positive interet in Christian Education.

State Missions is a multiplicity of special ministries too big for any one local church. These ministries to areas of need may be altogether supported by State Missions budgeting, or a cooperative budgeting arrangement of the local church, the association, the State Convention, and the Home Mission Board. Such specialized ministries include work at Cherokee and Pembroke, promotion and coordination of World Mission Conferences, support of part-time Chaplaincies in several correctional institutions, assistance in witnessing to and enlisting for service Orientals and Spanish speaking peoples. A specialized ministry to the deaf includes evangelizing, teaching and counseling the deaf.

Also included is a cooperative plan for Seminary extension and a rapidly growing Resort Ministry. Fruitland Baptist Institute is an area of State Missions. Our cities need Baptist Centers and other expressions of Christian social and evangelistic concern. State Missions promotes and supports a vigorous ministry in the inner city. State Missions continues a specialized ministry with other races.

State Missions serves the pastor and local church. New churches are encouraged by loans and grants of lot aid. Needy churches are given financial aid until they can become self-supporting. Pastors are directly helped through Annunity supplements.

State Missions is a cooperative ministry by the churches to people who need God and other churches that need help.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Kermit Patterson

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Increasing the percentage given through the Cooperative Program is an excellent follow-through for the special offering your church receives.

Failure to have a good follow-through, in anything, would be frustrating at the least and tragic at the most. Failure to have a good follow-through when you are fishing would cause all your fish to get away and this would be frustrating. It would be tragic not to have a good follow-through in a baptismal service.

A good follow-through is the lifeline between good planning and good results. You will get excellent results if you plan well your special offerings and let your major emphasis be on the life-life: YOUR COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.

Would your church give more if you received more money? If so, you need to have a thorough stewardship program in your church.

Last year 1,138 churches increased Cooperative Program giving by 10 percent or more over what they gave the previous year. Four of the associations in North Carolina had 100 percent of their churches giving through the Cooperative Program in 1972. These four associations were: Anson, Flat River, Tar River, and Yates. In the Alexander Association for the six month period from January 1973—June 1973, 16 churches gave a total of $28,-039.54 to the Cooperative Program. During this same period in 1972, 14 churches gave a total of $19,305.41. This amounts to an increase of 2 partipating churches and a total increase of $8,734.13.

Will you do four things?

1. Will you lead the church where you serve to increase Cooperative Program and associational mission giving by 10 percent or more?
2. Will you have a special prayer for your missionaries and other Cooperative Program causes during each service in your church during the October Cooperative Program prayer month?
3. Will you send your check for Cooperative Program *each month* to Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, P. O. Box 26508, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611?
4. Will you help us have a good *stewardship workshop* in your association next spring or summer, so we can:
   (1) Study recommendations for pastor and staff salary increases;
   (2) Get an overview of available program helps for each church in stewardship; and
   (3) Receive a report on where you are in *your goals* for associational and Cooperative Program giving?

Let us determine NOW to be faithful in worship with tithes and offerings and share regularly through the Cooperative Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Blayne E. Hollar

WOMENS MISSIONARY UNION

Miss Elizabeth Campbell, association missionary from Caldwell association taught our Foreign Mission Study, the meeting being held with Bethlehem Church.

For our annual meeting we had our first Mission Fair. Miss Emilyn Wagner prepared a display on Jordan. Miss Janie Shipley had a display on India and showed slides. Mrs. C. T. Stephens, Jr. had a display on Indonesia, showing slides on the work being done there by our missionaries and also told of the work she and her husband did. Special music was presented by the Hiddenite Baptist Youth Choir and a trio from Bethlehem Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcella Hines

FOREIGN MISSIONS

There are 3.5 plus billion people living in 145 independent countries on this planet Earth. Over 2.5 billion of them are non-Christian. At the present time Southern Baptist have slightly over 2,500 missionaries in about one half of the 145 countries of the World. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, recently stated that he had requests for 800 additional career missionaries. The largest group of missionary journeymen, 75, were appointed in July of this year—to bring their numbers to 551.

To support all mission work the 1973 Lottie Moon offering goal is set at $20 million in an attempt to double the amount of work that can be done on mission fields.

We pray for our Baptist efforts to win the 2.5 billion who know not Christ—we give of our mission money to support our Baptist work.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Robert Boggs

HISTORY OF LITTLE RIVER CHURCH

About a hundred and eighty years ago, Little River Church was organized but nothing of the organization, presbytery or charter members is on record prior to 1822.

In Dr. Duncan's history of the Baptist Churches of this area, he wrote that Little River Church joined the Lewis Fork Baptist Association in October 1837. At that time Little River was 45 years old and that was 50 years before Alexander Baptist Association was established. Seven years after joining it, Little River was host to the Lewis Fork Association in 1844. An interesting question came up for discussion: "Is foot-washing an ordinance and if so, when should it be complied with?" They must not have decided it was an ordinance because they said those who wished could practice foot-washing and those who did not, could omit it.

The first church building here was of logs but was later rebuilt into a frame structure. The Educational building was added in 1957. The church was remodeled and bricked in 1959. A church study was built in 1961. In 1971, the church installed air conditioning and a new heating system.

When the Alexander Baptist Association was formed in 1887, Little River was a Charter member. The Association has met here in 1898, 1934 and last in 1961. The minutes of 1961 list the pastors on record until that year. Herman Johnson served from September 1963 to October 1965. The present pastor, Arthur Jenkins was called in May 1966.

One preacher has gone forth from this church. Guy Rogers was ordained on October 21, 1962.

Lucy Echerd, *Historian*

HISTORY OF LINNEY'S GROVE

Linney's Grove Baptist Church was organized October 2, 1895. There were 33 Charter members who joined by letters from other nearby churches. These were listed in previous minutes.

At the ninth session of Alexander Baptist Association held at Pleasant Hill on October 3, 1895, when the Association opened the door for new churches, Linney's Grove was unanimously accepted with the following delegates; J. J. Hendren, Eli Hendren and J. T. Hendren.

Alexander Baptist Association first met with Linney's Grove in September 28, 29 and 30, 1899. From the minutes of that session, I quote: "Your Committee asks that the churches of this Association take a stand against the liquor traffic in all of its phases and exclude those from their fellowship who make, sell or drink it as a beverage. We ask that our pastors speak out on this subject and educate their people on Bible temperance and go before and lead the flock of God. Brethren, the time for cowardice on this subject has passed. Let us go forward." This was signed by J. H. Hendren, T. B. Campbell and J. J. Beach. This admonition is relevant to 1973.

The second time we met here was 1912. My Grandfather, John Gwalt-

ney was Moderator. He served in that position 22 years. Uncle Jay Gwaltney gave the report of Church and Pastoral Relations and Uncle Parks Gwaltney discussed "Fundamental Doctrines." This is Gwaltney territory. Other preachers from this church: Clarence Gwaltney, a Gwaltney grandson, Howard Ford, W. E. Linney and Homer Baity.

When we met, here in 1939, there was no history printed but my father wrote the history when we met here last in 1955 and listed pastors serving until that time. Bringing that list up to date: Irvin Wallace—October 1955 to Sept. 1959, M. A. McCurdy—December 1959 to Sept. 1960, Wade Rogers—December 1962 to October 1964, Rex Shumate—November 1964 to June 1968. William Nicholson became the pastor on October 6, 1968.

The first building here was a frame church. The present brick church was erected in 1953. Many remember the arbor that stood between the church and cemetery in which there was grand preaching, wonderful singing and marvelous movement of the Holy Spirit among the people.

A new church parsonage was recently built near the church.

Lucy Echerd, *Historian*

IN MEMORIAL

The following members of our churches have died since our last association meeting. May the Lord bless their memory to our good and His glory.

ANTIOCH—Mrs. Amanda Little, Mrs. Maude Reid Eller, Mr. Carl Munday

BETHLEHEM—Mr. Marvin E. Hefner

BEULAH—Mr. Dean James

CALVARY—Mr. Johnnie Herman, Mrs. Velsie Deal

HIDDENITE—Mr. C. Y. Williams

LEBANON—Mrs. Carl Fortner

LILEDOUN—Mr. Rickey Chapman, Mrs. Mary Lou Benfield, Mrs. Hattie Teague, Mr. Graydon Fox

LINNEY'S GROVE—Mrs. Grace Linney

LITTLE RIVER—Mrs. Bertha Bumgarner

MACEDONIA—Mrs. Julia Braswell

MILLERSVILLE—Deacon John Benjamin Thompson

MT. HERMAN—Deacon Roscoe Echerd, Mrs. Jessie Brookshire, Mr. Brice Brookshire.

MOUNTAIN RIDGE—Mr. Gus Pennell

PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Della Kerley, Mr. Jake Deal, Mr. Reese Tevapaugh

POPLAR SPRINGS—Mrs. Evelena Pennell, Deacon Ed Crouch, Mr. Ed. Chapman, Miss Lula Walker

STONY POINT—Mrs. Nancy Lackey, Deacon Harry Kirkman, Mr. Felix Webster, Deacon Clay Grose, Mr. Escar Goble

TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Mrs. Mamie Adams, Mr. Loyd Brown

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—Mrs. Grace Deal, Mrs. Ethel White, Mrs. Veva Teague, Mrs. Winnie G. Harrington, Mrs. Cleo C. Kerley, Mrs. Thelma S. Johnson, Mr. Atwell Bumgarner, Mr. Ernest Scott, Mr. Robert Goble, Mr. M. I. Kersey, Mrs. Tressie Boyd, Mrs. Beatrice Kerley.

STATISTICAL TABLES

Table A — CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION

CHURCHES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	Year organized as a church	Location 1—Open Country 2—Village 3—Town	Services held twice on Sunday? Yes or No	Total Baptisms	Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)	Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	Present resident members	Present nonresident members	Grand total present members	No. members received from non-Baptist Churches	No. members lost to non-Baptist Churches	Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	Value of church property including pastor's home	Total church debt at end of this assoc. year
Antioch	Ronald Rowe, Route 2, Taylorsville	1826	1	Yes	26	13	15	432	77	509	2	6	50,000	400,000	
Bethlehem		1871	1	Yes	25	14	16	429	50	479	1	1	50,000	420,000	6,710
Beulah	James Meacham, P.O.B. 393, Taylorsville	1916	3	Yes	5	1	4	158	20	178	0	0	30,000	115,000	13,883
Calvary	Henkle M. Little, P.O.B. 254, Taylorsville	1948	3	Yes	7	18	27	189	14	203	0	0	50,000	250,000	
Hiddenite	Eugene Warrick, Hiddenite	1915	3	Yes	6	5	15	205	31	236	0	0	30,000	40,000	
Lebanon	Roy Jester, Route 4, Taylorsville	1884	1	Yes	1	3	6	75	39	114	0	0	26,000	45,000	
Liledoun		1906	2	Yes	9	0	18	292	134	426	0	0	22,000	152,000	
Linney's Grove	William Nicholson, Route 1, Hiddenite	1895	1	No	3	9	6	193	34	227	1	0	35,000	100,000	
Little River	Arthur Jenkins. Route 2, Taylorsville	1792	1	No	7	9	5	185		185	0	0		75,000	
Macedonia	Horace Moree, Route 1, Taylorsville	1840	1	No	10	5	3	182	48	230	0	1	32,000	117,000	
Millersville	D. L. Bumgarner, Route 4, Taylorsville	1923	2	Yes	9	8	2	203	53	256	0	0			
Mount Herman	Raymond White, Route 2, Taylorsville	1912	1	Yes	8	9	14	228	61	289	0	1	23,000	116,000	
Mount Olive	G. W. Kerley, 411 Hammer Rd., Taylorsville	1865	1	Yes	9	1	1	150	60	210	1	1		75,000	
Mountain Ridge	Richard Anderson, Route 1, Lenoir	1954	1	Yes	1	0	1	77	1	78	0	0		53,000	
Oxford Memorial	Otis Goins, Route 2, Taylorsville	1942	1	Yes	8	3	5	195	48	243	0	0	20,000	40,000	2,645
Pilgrim		1837	1	No	1	0	6	172	32	204	0	0		100,000	
Pleasant Hill	H. I. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville	1852	1	Yes	15	12	5	250	35	285	0	0		47,000	
Poplar Springs	Devon Dyson, Route 6, Taylorsville	1872	1	Yes	16	16	12	235	41	276	0	3		75,000	
Smyrna	Ray Shumate, Route 6, Taylorsville	1923	1	Yes	7	9	11	187	19	206	3	0	25,000	225,000	50,000
Stony Point	Marshall E. Sargent, P.O.B. 198, Stony Point	1909	3	Yes	47	14	10	334	83	417	6	5	17,600	179,600	80,747
Taylorsville, East	Gary Jennings, P.O.B. 906, Taylorsville	1924	3	Yes	39	37	16	520	101	621	0	0	40,000	370,000	20,088
Taylorsville, First	Robert L. Boggs, P.O.B. 305, Taylorsville	1851	3	Yes	13	17	28	550	144	694	3	3	35,000	365,000	64,000
Three Forks	James Millsaps, Route 4, Taylorsville	1857	1	Yes	6	13	13	381	120	501	1	0	30,000	185,000	
TOTALS					278	216	237	5822	2042	7067	18	21	515,600	3,544,000	238,073

Table B — THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Preschool enrolment (5 years and under)	Children enrolment (6-11 years)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years)	Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years)	Adult enrolment (30-59 years)	Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over)	Adults away enrolment	Homebound units enrolment	General officers enrolment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing Sunday School enrolment	Average weekly Sunday School attendance	Number of Bible Study Fellowship classes	Bible Study Fellowship enrolment	January Bible Study enrolment	Bus attendance	Church V. B. S. enrolment	Total V. B. S. enrolment
Antioch	Larry Crouch, Rt. 1, Granite Falls	55	59	58	46	75	28	8	22	5	0	356	219	2	15	90	0	150	150
Bethlehem	Gary D. Lail, Route 1. Taylorsville	53	70	40	88	88	23	0	0	9	0	371	222	1	28	98	0	127	127
Beulah	Bobby Deal, 106 Winter Haven, Tay'le	4	4	30	11	32	15	0	0	3	0	99	83	0	0	0	0	69	69
Calvary	Denny Dyson, P. O. Box 83, Taylorsville	29	4	50	48	39	50	36	0	0	0	276	240	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hiddenite	Timmy Keever. Hiddenite	23	21	33	10	63	20	0	0	2	0	172	123	0	0	40	0	93	93
Lebanon	J. L. Brown, Jr., Taylorsville	4	8	20	16	15	0	0	0	2	0	65	45	0	0	0	0	0	48
Liledoun	Graydon Dyson, Rt. 4, Taylorsville	31	52	29	51	39	48	0	0	6	0	256	163	0	0	0	0	134	0
Linney's Grove	Jimmy Millsaps, Rt. 5, Statesville	29	31	28	48	24	55	0	0	12	0	215	130	0	0	0	0	98	98
Little River	Dean Jenkins, Rt. 4, Taylorsville	19	29	12	16	43	5	0	0	0	0	124	101	0	0	0	0	90	0
Macedonia	Nesbie Cline, Rt. 3, Taylorsville	17	11	33	25	39	21	0	0	0	30	176	148	0	0	40	0	89	89
Millersville	Franklin Barber, Rt. 3, Taylorsville	26	25	19	32	30	0	0	0	0	0	132	95	0	0	0	0	103	103
Mount Herman	Lanny Stewart, Rt. 4, Taylorsville	20	35	32	23	53	19	0	0	4	0	186	142	0	0	0	0	77	77
Mount Olive	Everette Davis, Rt. 5. Taylorsville	8	7	24	5	45	25	0	0	0	0	114	79	1	35	0	0	51	51
Mountain Ridge	David Pennell, Rt. 2, Taylorsville	6	7	7	5	17	0	0	0	0	0	41	40	0	0	0	0	46	46
Oxford Memorial	Don Reid, Rt. 2, Lenoir	25	28	33	31	31	10	0	0	4	0	161	110	0	0	0	0	101	101
Pilgrim	Buddy G. Jolly, Rt. 1, Hiddenite	16	23	8	20	39	14	0	1	3	0	124	86	1	30	0	0	65	65
Pleasant Hill	Larry Teague, Rt. 5, Taylorsville	23	13	32	30	32	25	0	0	3	0	163	107	1	50	50	0	89	89
Poplar Springs	Partee Rector, Taylorsville	16	14	28	32	55	30	0	0	0	0	175	152	0	0	0	0	70	70
Smyrna	Gary Williams, Rt. 2, Taylorsville	14	30	26	22	52	8	0	0	5	0	157	112	0	0	0	0	95	95
Stony Point	Tommy McNeely, Rt. 2, Stony Point	52	45	91	51	33	51	0	12	7	0	342	200	1	35	0	35	204	204
Taylorsville, East	Gary Kerley, Taylorsville	61	105	66	8	112	44	0	0	0	0	404	260	17	0	0	18	155	155
Taylorsville, First	Gene Linney, Taylorsville	63	79	74	91	68	100	8	15	2	12	512	241	0	0	80	0	224	224
Three Forks	Lloyd Douglas, Rt. 4, Taylorsville	30	37	40	73	103	45	0	0	4	0	328	235	0	0	89	0	71	71
TOTALS		624	817	813	782	1102	636	52	50	79	42	4949	3333	23	193	487	53	2130	2025

Table C — TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Preschool enrolment (5 years and under)	Children enrolment (6-11 years)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years)	Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years)	Adult enrolment (30-59 years)	Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over)	General officers enrolment	Total Training Union ongoing enrolment	Average weekly Church Training attendance	New member orientation Registration	New member orientation Completed	Church Leader Training Registration	Church Leader Training Completed	Church Leader Training Projects	Member Training Projects Registration	Member Training Projects Completed
Antioch	Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Route 2, Taylorsville	22	28	33	16	20	15	2	136	87			12	12			
Bethlehem	Miss Emilyn Wagner, Route 1, Taylorsville	20	20	20	12	17		6	95	76	16	13					
Hiddenite	Witson Davidson, Stony Point	3	5	16		17		3	44	25			11	9	3	90	60
Macedonia	Mrs. Lewis Mecimore, Route 1, Taylorsville	3	9	8	12	27		7	66	50							
Mount Herman	Bob Brewington, Boston Rd., Taylorsville		10	11	11	7	4	2	45	39	14						
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Stanley Reid, Route 2, Taylorsville	20	26	34	25	28		4	137	75							
Smyrna	Fred Deaton, Sr., Route 6, Taylorsville	5	25	9		24		3	66	41							
Stony Point	Dawson Beckham, Stony Point	7	8	36		34		1	86	42							
Taylorsville, East	George Biddy, Taylorsville	15	29	30	13	12	9	2	110	76							
Taylorsville, First	Mrs. Marvel Reno, Taylorsville	8	14	21		25		3	71	52			123	76	11	31	22
Three Forks	Howard Rogers, Route 2, Taylorsville	10	24	25	6	48	20	2	135	94							
TOTALS		113	198	243	95	259	48	35	991	657	30	13	146	97	14	121	82

Table D — CHURCH MUSIC

CHURCHES	MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Preschool enrolment (5 years and under)	Children enrolment (6-11 years)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years)	Adult enrolment (18 and over)	Vocal ensemble enrolment	Instrumental ensembles enrolment	General officers enrolment	Total ongoing church music enrolment	Average weekly church music attendance	Church music study group enrolment
Antioch	Mrs. Robert Austin, Route 2, Taylorsville	15	0	25	30	0	0	0	70	55	0
Bethlehem	Miss Debbie A. Leonhardt, 31 39th Street, Hickory	19	37	34	39	9	6	4	148	121	
Beulah	Escar Bowman, Taylorsville	0	6	13	26	0	0	2	47	25	0
Calvary	Ned Little, Taylorsville	25	40	15	45	16	0	4	145	100	
Hiddenite	Mrs. Marie Houpe, Hiddenite	0	9	15	16	0	0	0	39	0	0
Lebanon	Richard Bumgarner, Route 4, Taylorsville	0	11	8	18	2		4	43	32	
Liledoun	Pleas Jenkins, Route 6, Taylorsville	0	4	15	15	3	0	4	41	20	
Linney's Grove	Wayne Hayes, Route 6, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little River	Gary Jenkins, Route 2, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Macedonia	Redge Chapman, Taylorsville	5	5	15	20	0	0	5	50	40	0
Millersville	Mrs. Christine Fox, Route 5, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Herman	Mrs. Carole Mecimore, Route 1, Taylorsville	0	20	6	25	0	0	6	57	45	0
Mount Olive	Marie Childers, Route 5, Taylorsville	0	12	15	20	0	4	0	51	30	0
Mountain Ridge	Mrs. Linda Stikeleather, Route 2, Taylorsville	0	5	2	11	0	0	0	18	12	
Oxford Memorial	Chucky Holsclaw, Route 2, Lenoir	0	8	20	36	5	0	4	73	65	
Pilgrim	Elbert J. Mitchell, Route 1, Hiddenite	4	11	13	21	0	0	1	50	35	0
Pleasant Hill	Roger Harrington, Taylorsville	0	10	6	20	0	0	3	39	25	0
Poplar Springs	Butler Chapman, Route 4, Taylorsville	0	0	12	39	0	0	0	51	45	25
Smyrna	Curtiss Millsaps, Liledoun Road, Taylorsville	0	20	30	26	0	5	3	84	30	0
Stony Point	Mrs. Virginia Moore, 521 N. Miller Ave., Statesville	0	10	28	20	0	0	6	64	43	0
Taylorsville, East	David Glover, Taylorsville	12	55	45	48	36	2	8	206	168	25
Taylorsville, First	Escar Childers, Route 4, Taylorsville	43	40	34	28	7	0	9	161	139	
Three Forks	Lanny Smith, P. O. Box 906, Taylorsville	25	30	35	60	0	0	5	130	120	0
TOTALS		148	332	386	563	78	71	38	1567	1150	50

Table E — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Mission Friends (5 years and under)	Girls in Action (6-11 years)	Acteens (12-17 years)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	Mission(s) of church	Total number of organizations	Mission Friends (5 years and under)	Girls in Action (6-11 years)	Acteens (12-17 years)	Baptist Young Women (18-19 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	WMU officers	Mission(s) of church	Total WMU ongoing enrolment
Antioch	Mrs. Robert Austin, Route 2, Taylorsville	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	4	9	8	18	27	7	0	73
Bethlehem	Mrs. Patsy Bolick, Route 5, Hickory	1	1	1	1	1	0	5	5	10	12	14	13	5	0	59
Hiddenite	Miss Marcella Hines, Hiddenite	0	1	1	0	1	3	3	0	10	5	0	20	0	35	35
Macedonia	Mrs. Doris Moree, Route 1, Taylorsville	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	10	10	0	12	0	0	32
Mount Herman	Mrs. Pearl Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville	0	1	1	1	1	0	4	1	11	11	8	15	3	0	48
Mount Olive	Mrs. Dorothy Kerley, 411 Hammer Rd. Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	4	0	14
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Floyd Reid, Route 2, Lenoir	0	1	2	Combined		0	4	0	13	13	10	12	4	0	50
Smyrna	Mrs. Paul Barkley, Route 6, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	20	8	0	28
Stony Point	Mrs. Neil Starnes, Route 2, Hiddenite	1	2	1	0	2	0	6	5	18	13	13	12	5	0	66
Taylorsville, First	Miss Lucy Thompson, Taylorsville	2	2	1	1	3	0	9	5	20	6	18	62	13	0	124
Three Forks	Mrs. Julius Walker, Route 4, Taylorsville	0	1	1	1	1	0	4	0	10	12	8	22	4	0	56
Taylorsville, East		1	1	0	0	0	0	2	8	26	0	0	0	0	0	34
TOTALS		6	12	10	5	22	3	56	28	137	90	89	237	53	35	619

Table F — BROTHERHOOD

CHURCHES	BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Crusaders (6-11 years	Pioneers (12-17 years)	RA leader and committee	Baptist Young Men (18-29 years)	Baptist Men enrolment (30-50 years	Baptist Senior Men (60 and over)	Other Baptist men groups	Brotherhood director	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing Brotherhood enrolment
Antioch	Wayne Austin, Route 2, Taylorsville	5	11	3	0	15	0	0	1	0	35
Bethlehem		9	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Hiddenite	Gerald Goble, Hiddenite	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Stony Point	Dawson Beckham, Stony Point	44	8	1	0	25	0	0	1	0	79
Taylorsville, East		0	0	17	0	0	0	0	2	0	17
Taylorsville, First	Albert Coffee, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		63	29	24	0	40	0	0	2	0	157

Table G — TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Number of tithers	Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts	All other receipts	Total receipts	Money borrowed during the year	Church staff salaries	Money paid out on new construction during the year	Debt retirement during the year	Church literature	All other local expenditures	Total local expenditures
Antioch	C. A. Caldwell, Route 2, Taylorsville	145	62,378	.378	62,756		11,605			3,313	22,848	37,766
Bethlehem	Mrs. Diane Ward, Route 5, Hickory	95	45,807	27,850	73,657		15,578		14,087	3,332	22,033	55,030
Beulah	Mrs. Nancy Deal, 106 Winter Haven, Taylorsville	30	28,743	344	29,087	20,000	1,158		14,536	261	4,630	2,658
Calvary	Dwight Warren, 161 Airport Rd., Taylorsville	77	57,770	766	58,536		12,925			538	11,737	25,200
Hiddenite	Gerald Goble, Hiddenite	50	30,462	393	30,855		9,720			776	5,408	15,904
Lebanon	Mrs. Ralph Watts, Taylorsville	30	21,796		21,796		6,571	2,765		185	4,633	15,285
Liledoun	Mrs. Max Gant, 370 Boston Rd., Taylorsville		35,968		35,968		8,083	499		831		8,935
Linney's Grove	Bobby Millsaps, Route 1, Hiddenite		23,615		23,615		4,420		8,354	176	2,877	15,827
Little River	Colleen H McDuffie, Route 4, Taylorsville	25	25,025		25,025		8,195		3,533	428	7,082	19,238
Macedonia	Conrad Fox, Route 1, Taylorsville	70	36,480		36,480		9,040			510	3,968	9,086
Millersville	Mrs. Christine Fox, Route 3, Taylorsville	25	25,451		25,451		8,770			180	9,535	18,485
Mount Herman	Willard Meadlock, Route 2, Taylorsville		40,581	1,041	41,622		10,440			796	9,209	20,445
Mount Olive	Mrs. Evelyn Beaman, Taylorsville	30	18,508	392	18,900		5,280			307	5,276	10,863
Mountain Ridge	Arthur Keller, Route 2, Taylorsville	20	11,056		11,056		4,829			127	2,759	7,715
Oxford Memorial	Dale Reid, Route 2, Taylorsville		39,441	427	39,868		7,801	3,088	11,150	585	8,344	30,968
Pilgrim	Mrs. Sandra Gwaltney, Route 6, Taylorsville		13,350		13,350		5,249	1,800		377	1,278	8,704
Pleasant Hill	Vaughn Kerley, Moravian Falls	23	22,825		22,825		7,180	481		424	7,970	16,055
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Nelle Dagenhart, P. O. Box 671, Taylorsville	50	36,091	724	36,815		15,624	2,600		690	6,835	25,749
Smyrna	Miss Ruby Teague, Route 2, Taylorsville	40	34,001		34,001	50,000	9,327	43,589	5,143	1,072	6,445	65,575
Stony Point	Blake Rogers, Stony Point		66,039	3,980	70,019		17,173		11,900	1,566	27,568	58,207
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. Jane Hefner, Taylorsville	200	69,600		69,600		18,937		7,955	1,512	18,206	46,610
Taylorsville, First	Marty Jarvis, Taylorsville	150	101,141	700	101,841		24,000		25,546	2,302	24,423	76,273
Three Forks	Mrs. Hall Chapman, Route 4, Taylorsville	200	60,371		60,371		11,585		25,965			13,002
TOTALS		1260	906,510	36,995	838,494	70,000	1,033,740	54,822	123,769	20,288	671,464	1,751,445

Table H — MISSION EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES	CHURCH SPONSORED MISSIONS: Money paid out on new construction during the year	CHURCH SPONSORED MISSIONS: All other church sponsored mission expenditures	CHURCH SPONSORED MISSIONS: Total church sponsored mission expenditures	Cooperative Program	OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES: Associational mission program	Designated: State missions	Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong Easter offering)	Designated: SBC Foreign Missions (incl. Lottie Moon Christmas offering)	Designated: Christian education (schools, etc.)	Designated: Children's homes (cash plus goods)	Designated: Hospitals	Designated: Homes for the aged	Designated: All other (Bible Society, Temperance League, etc.)	Total other mission cause expenditures	Grand Total Mission expenditures
Antioch	Mrs. Blayne Hollar, Route 2, Taylorsville				11,747	892	161	665	2,525	19	149	106	33	286	4,836	16,583
Bethlehem	Mrs. Hayden Bentley, Route 1, Taylorsville				11,452	1374	40	675	3,637	2		119	34	200	6,081	17,533
Beulah	Mrs. Linda Lackey, 149 15th Ave., NW, Taylorsville		400	400	415	65	104		139		315		37	757	1,420	2,235
Calvary	Mrs. Leona Lackey, Route 6, Taylorsville					100					100	100		894	1,194	1,194
Hiddenite	Bill Goble, Hiddenite				3,061	400	111	201	1,331	79	564	158	118	62	3,024	6,085
Lebanon	Mrs. James H. Watts, Route 4, Taylorsville	300		300	1840		229	453	621		442	200	72	1,054	3,071	5,211
Liledoun	Odell Fox, Route 6, Taylorsville					100			9,721		3093	3105				16,019
Linney's Grove	Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, Route 1, Hiddenite					98			240		100	100		1,020	1,558	1,558
Little River	Joe McDuffie, Route 4, Taylorsville				1,003	125	23		128		103	55		1,274	1,708	2,711
Macedonia	Mrs. Kermit Patterson, Route 1, Taylorsville				850	225	118	211	1,207	107	254	125	117	140	2,504	3,354
Millersville	Miss Muriel Stafford, Route 3, Taylorsville				514	110		1100	142		97	103	100		1,652	2,166
Mount Herman	Mrs. Florrie Kerley, Route 4, Taylorsville				1,092	225	533	612	2,149	212	682	229	417	849	5,908	7,070
Mount Olive	Mrs. Russell Deal, Route 4, Taylorsville		520	520	176	75	75	175	273		175	533	100	200	1,606	2,302
Mountain Ridge	Rayford Pennell, Route 5, Taylorsville		450	450	300	125	60	60	86	60	67	73	77	0	608	1,358
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Inez Haney, Route 2, Lenoir				2,841	551	2	75	472		67	39	0	583	11,785	14,626
Pilgrim	D. C. Johnson, Route 2, Statesville					96	32	100	1,129		333	243	140	167	2,240	2,240
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Verna Jolly, Route 5, Taylorsville				80	200	75	97	1,106		302	170	248	240	2,438	2,518
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Nelle Dagenhart, P.O. 671, Taylorsville					150			550		850	750	325	3,410	6,035	6,035
Smyrna	Mrs. Juanita Stafford, Route 6, Taylorsville				3,400	1,274	106	261	538	85	616	310	459	400	4,049	7,449
Stony Point	Mrs. Doris H. Jolly, P. O. Box 152, Stony Point		175	175	2,700	500	10	531	3,056		86	3	21		4,207	7,082
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. Melinda Chapman, Route 2, Hickory				1,000	400	200	200	500	175	100	850	200	425	3,050	4,050
Taylorsville, First	Miss Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville				8,726	1006		555	3,341	75	273	339		1,064	6,655	15,382
Three Forks	Mrs. Elline Lackey, Route 4, Taylorsville				1,000	100	1500	3036	3,444		1226	1796	1000	1,300	14,403	15,403
TOTALS		300	1545	1845	52,197	8191	3379	9007	36,335	814	9994	9506	3498	14,325	90,032	260,164

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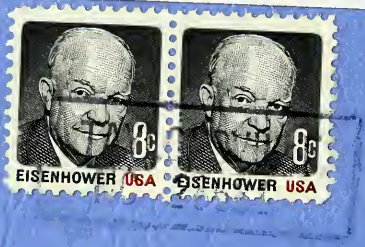

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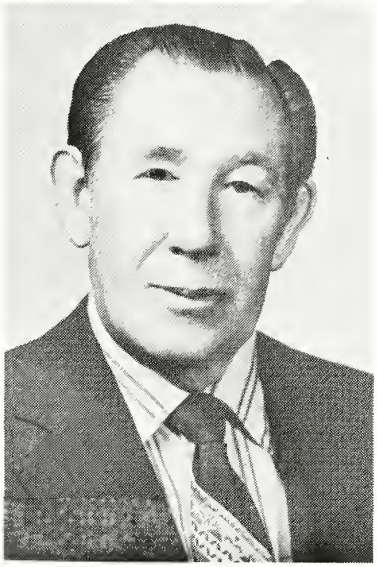


WALTER WILSON HARRINGTON

Walter Harrington professed faith in Christ and joined Taylorsville First Baptist Church as a teenager. He has been a faithful member of that fellowship. The congregation has called upon him to serve in such leadership positions as Sunday School teacher, Superintendent, trustee, clerk, president of the Brotherhood. Ordained a deacon twenty-eight years ago, he has served as chairman of deacons at different times.

Mr. Harrington drew the plans and supervised the building of the first educational building the church built and did the same work for the church's cottage at Ridgecrest.

In the Alexander Baptist Association, he has served as trustee on the Executive Committee, Christian Education representative and Finance Committee member. For the past five years, he has been Promotional Secretary (now known as Director of Missions) of the Association.

The most outstanding achievement with the Association has been his work with the Associationally sponsored Grace Baptist Mission that was constituted a church November 1973. He gave direction and untold hours of service to aid that congregation and its pastor in developing to its present position of 168 members, 200 attending Sunday School.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE: We, the messengers of Missionary Baptist Churches in the County of Alexander, State of North Carolina, do hereby propose to establish and maintain the order and rules of a district Baptist Association in conformity to the following plan:

Article I. NAME

The name of the body shall be the Alexander Baptist Association.

Article II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's Kingdom and for the promoting of unity and growth among the churches related to the Association. To this end the Association will cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and their agencies in the work of Missions, Christian Education, and Social Service.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The Alexander Association shall be composed of the pastor and three messengers from each Missionary Baptist Church that voluntarily cooperates as the Alexander Baptist Association, the general officers of the Association, chairmen of standing committees, and the pastor and messengers from any church that may hereafter be recognized as a *cooperating* church by the Association.

Section 2: A *cooperating* church shall be defined as follows:

a. One that shares the missionary spirit of the Association,

b. Elects and sends messengers to the annual meeting,

c. Contributes financially to the work of the Association each year, and

d. Provides an annual report to the Association upon the forms provided by the Associational Clerk.

Section 3: Any church may sever its working relationships with the Association at any time it chooses. Likewise, the Association may refuse to continue recognition of a church as a cooperating church when for two consecutive years without sufficient reason that church does not meet the stipulations stated in Section 2, or when for any other reason, approved by the Association in annual session, a church is considered by intent and action to be a liability to the fellowship and work of the Association.

Section 4: Churches desiring to relate themselves to the Association in its work and fellowship may do so by adhering to the following procedure:

a. Make application to the Associational Fellowship Committee for recognition as a *cooperating* Baptist church, such application to be made at least three months before the annual meeting of the Association.

b. Furnish the Fellowship Committee the information required in the annual letter of churches to the Association, plus such other information as the Committee may request for properly evaluating the application.

c. Upon recommendation by the Fellowship Committee and approval by the Association in annual session a church may come under the watch care of the Association for a period of one year. At the end of one year of watch care relationship and upon recommendation of the Fellowship Committee and approval by the Association, a church may be recognized as a cooperating church eligible to all privileges and responsibilities of a church cooperating in the work of the Alexander Association.

d. During the period of watch-care relationship a church shall meet the stipulations of Section 2 above.

e. In the case of new churches which anticipate a working relationship with the Association, duly elected representatives of the proposed church shall consult with the Moderator and Fellowship Committee of the Association relative to the need for another church, its location, and its proposed ministry. Upon the recommendation of of the Fellowship Committee the Executive Committee shall authorize such other assistance as is requested by the church or deemed necessary by the Executive Committee in developing a cooperating Missionary Baptist Church.

Article IV. MEETINGS

Section 1: The Association shall meet annually on Wednesday after the third Sunday of October and continue for two days sessions or longer, as seems wise to the Committee on Order of Business—subject to the approval of the Association in session. The place of meeting shall be determined at the previous session.

Section 2: The associational year shall begin on October 1 and continue through September 30.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall act for the Association between annual sessions. It shall meet quarterly and at any other time necessary to expedite associational business.

Article V. OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Alexander Association shall be the Associational Missionary—when there is one, Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Parliamentarian, Director of Training, and Three Trustees. These officers, except the Associational Missionary, shall be elected each year by the Association at its annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The Associational Missionary shall be called for an indefinite term of service, and may be called by the Association in annual session, or if necessary, by the Associational Executive Committee.

Section 2: Vacancies occurring in any office between sessions of the Association may be filled by the Executive Committee.

Article VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: It shall be the duty of the Associational Missionary to promote the whole missionary, educational, and social service program of the Association. He may serve as adviser to the officers, churches, committees, and departments of work of the Association. He shall work under the direction of and be subject to the authority of the Associational Missions Committee which shall in turn be subject to the Executive Committee. He shall exercise administrative supervision of all work assigned him by the Association, the Associational Executive Committee, or the Associational Missions Committee.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings of the body punctually at the appointed time, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall appoint in advance or at the opening session all necessary committees. Also, he shall serve as the presiding officer of the Executive Committee of the Association. His term of office shall be one year. He may not succeed himself after two consecutive terms of office.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence, and perform any other function delegated to him by the Moderator, the Association, or the Executive Committee.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep accurate and detailed records of the proceedings of the Association and superintend the printing and distributing of the same. He shall also keep accurate files of the printed minutes and have them bound at the order of the Association and delivered to the Associational office. The Clerk shall serve as Chairman of the Committee on Digest of Church Letters. He shall also keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Associational Executive Committee and serve as its official correspondent. He shall also serve as chairman of the Committee on Dedication of the Minutes.

Section 5: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by it and make a quarterly statement of the same.

Section 6: It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a historical sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and to record other facts of present and past history.

Section 7: It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to advise the Moderator upon points of order whenever necessary.

Section 8: It shall be the duty of the Trustees to serve as the legal officers of the Association, have responsibility for the maintenance of all property, and perform such other functions as may be delegated to them by the Association or the Executive Committee. Their term of office shall be for three years, with one member being elected each year.

Section 9: It shall be the duty of the Director of Training to consult with the Associational Calendar Committee in planning, promoting, and executing the Central Training School, and/or other such studies as the Executive Committee or Association shall authorize.

Section 10: It shall be the duty of the Director of Youth to correlate all youth activities of the Association, working with the Sunday School, Training Union, W.M.U. and Brotherhood.

Article VII. ORGANIZATION AND FINANCE

Section 1: An associational program of teaching, training, missions, stewardship, evangelism, and vocational guidance shall be promoted through the following departments of work: Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and Music. These departments of work shall have officers corresponding to those utilized in the local church and in the convention program of work.

Section 2: The expenses of the Association shall be defrayed by voluntary contributions from the churches, which contributions shall be sent regularly to the Associational Treasurer for that purpose.

Article VIII. COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1: To facilitate the transaction of the business of the Association and to undergird and implement the work of the various departments, the Moderator shall at each annual session appoint an Associational Committee on Nominations to serve for the following year. The Committee on Nominations shall be responsible for recommending to the Association at its next annual session all committees needed for carrying on associational work. All committees shall have three members unless otherwise specified.

Section 2: Committees shall serve for one year unless otherwise specified and shall be as follows:

a. *Nominations:* It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate all committees and officers called for by the constitution except for the Associational Missionary and the committee on Nominations. The committee on nominations will select first the Superintendent of Sunday School, Training Union Director, Brotherhood Director, Woman's Missionary Union Director, and Music Director and then

these will serve with the committee on Nominations in selecting all the other officers for presentation to the association for election.

The Nominating Committee shall, after consulting with the Moderator and outgoing member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention from our Association, be responsible for submitting a recommendation for his replacement as is necessary or invited. The Committee shall explain to the nominee some of his duties and responsibilities.

b. *Time, Place, and Preacher:* It shall be the duty of this committee to select the place of the next annual meeting, fix the time and name the preacher and alternate to preach the annual sermon. The committee shall serve until its successor is elected at the next annual session. In case of absolute necessity, the committee shall have the power to make substitutions for the time, place, and preacher. Such changes, where necessary and when possible to do so, shall be discussed with the Associational Executive Committee.

c. *Resolutions:* It shall be the duty of this committee to draw up and present to the Association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiment on any matter chosen by the committee or referred to it by the Association. This committee shall serve during the annual session only.

d. *Order of Business:* It shall be the duty of this committee to report a suggested order of business early in the opening session of the annual meeting of the Association. When adopted, its report shall become the order of the Association and cannot be changed except by vote of the majority of the body.

The Committee on Order of Business shall give a report of its plans to the Executive Committee at least one quarter before the annual session.

The host pastors of churches entertaining the annual session of the Association shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.

e. *Missions:* It shall be the duty of this committee to have general oversight of the work of the Associational Missionary; plan for, promote, and give guidance to the organization of new churches when and where practical; and provide information and make recommendations to the Association relative to missionary needs which might be met by cooperative effort. In event of a vacancy in the office of Associational Missionary, this committee will make recommendations to the Executive Committee as to a replacement.

f. *Fellowship:* It shall be the duty of this committee to consult with and make recommendations to the Association concerning any churches seeking to be affiliated with the work of the Association in accordance with the article on Membership.

g. *Evangelism:* It shall be the duty of this committee to devise ways and means of promoting evangelism in the churches of the Association.

h. *Finance:* It shall be the duty of this committee to plan and present to the Association a budget for the coming year. This committee shall also be responsible for promoting in the churches of the Association financial support for the Associational work.

i. *Music Education:* It shall be the duty of this committee to promote music in and through the churches, and to work with the committee on order of business in planning music for the annual meeting of the Association.

j. *Associational Calendar:* It shall be the duty of this committee to coordinate the activities of the Associational organizations and plan an associational calendar of activities. This committee shall be composed of the Associational Missionary, the Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Music Education Chairman, and Director of the Central Training School.

k. *Seminary Extension:* This committee shall be responsible for planning, promoting, and conducting Seminary Extension work among our churches.

l. *Dedication of Minutes:* This committee, with the Clerk of the Association as chairman, shall decide to whom the minutes shall be dedicated and shall be responsible for writing the dedication.

Article IX: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of all general officers of the Association listed in Article 5, the Sunday School Superintendent, Director of Training Union, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Chairman of Music Education, Chairman of all standing committees, the pastor of each church composing the Association, and one member from each church in the Association, which member shall be elected by the church he represents. Names of Executive Committee members from each church shall be sent by that church to the association in its annual letter.

Section 2: This committee shall meet quarterly and shall be presided over by the Moderator of the Association. The purpose of meeting shall always be to promote the interests of and carry forward the work of the Association and its member churches.

Section 3: In case of emergency, the Executive Committee may select a time and place and arrange for a special business session of the Association. Such a session shall be limited to the object for which it was convened. Membership of such a special business session shall be made up of messengers elected and accredited to the previous regular session.

Section 4: The Clerk shall make a report of Executive Committee proceedings to the Association in annual session. This report shall become a part of the Associational minutes.

Article X. RULES OF ORDER

Section 1: A majority of the enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2: Every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

Section 3: All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided by general parliamentary laws according to Roberts *Rules of Order.*

Article XI. CHANGE OR CHANGES

If and when a change in this constitution is desired or becomes necessary the proposed change or changes shall be presented to the constitution committee and then to the Executive Committee at least three monthe (one quarter) before the annual session, for study and consideration and then presented by the Constitution committee to the Association in annual session in October for the passage or rejection of proposed change or changes.

STONY POINT BAPTIST

Wednesday, October 23, 1974

Theme: SHARE THE WORD NOW WITH OUR NEIGHBORS in our County, in our State, in our Country, around the World

9:30	Hymns	led by David Glover
	Devotion	Kenneth Lambert
9:45	Welcome by Host Pastor	Marshall Sargent
	Organization	Moderator
	Roll Call of Churches	Clerk
	Order of Business	Marshall Sargent
	Recognition of New Pastors	Moderator
	Announcements	Moderator
	Appointments of Committees	Moderator
10:15	Our Agencies at Work:	
	N. C. Baptist Hospital	Gary Jennings
	N. C. Home for Aging	
	Baptist Foundation	Raymond White
	Children's Homes	James Hester
	Address	Parker McLendon, Superintendent Mills Home
10:40	Stand for Silent Prayer	
	Baptist Annuity Board	Ronald Rowe
	Christian Education	
	Biblical Recorder	
	Report of Executive Committee	Clerk
	Address	Roy Robinson, Gardner-Webb College

11:00 Hymn ..... David Glover
Our Association at Work:
Sunday School ..... Marshall Sargent
Vacation Bible School ..... Mrs. James Privette
Brotherhood ..... A. D. Lindsey
Associational Missions ..... W. W. Harrington
Training School ..... Miss Emilyn Wagner

11:30 Stand for Silent Prayer
Miscellaneous Business
Historian's Report ..... Miss Lucy Echerd

12:00 Hymn ..... David Glover
Scripture and Prayer ..... Roy Jester
Annual Sermon ..... Ronald Rowe

12:30 Adjourn for Lunch
Prayer and Thanks ..... Richard Anderson

SMYRNA BAPTIST CHURCH

Thursday, October 24, 1974

Theme: SHARE THE WORD NOW WITH OUR NEIGHBORS in our County, in our State, in our Country, around the World

9:30 Hymn ..... David Glover
Devotion ..... Coy Walker
Welcome by Host Pastor ..... C. R. Shumate
Announcements ..... Moderator
Recognition of Visitors ..... Moderator

9:55 Our Missions at Work:
Foreign Missions ..... Mrs. Robert Boggs
Home Missions ..... Mrs. Marshall Sargent
State Missions ..... Mrs. Kermit Patterson
Cooperative Program ..... Blayne Hollar
Address on Missions & Cooperative Program ..... R. Tom Green
Division of Stewardship State Convention

10:35 Hymn ..... David Glover
Address on Associational Missions ..... Elmer Thomas
Supt. Missions South Yadkin Association

11:00 Stand for Silent Prayer
Memorial Service ..... Clerk
Historian's Report ..... Miss Lucy Echerd
Treasurer's Report ..... Miss Lucy Thompson
Adoption of Budget ..... Rayford Rogers
Report of Committees:
Time, Place, Preacher ..... Maurice Grant
Missions ..... Roy Jester

Nomination ..... Arthur Jenkins
Election of Officers
Resolutions Committee ..... Arthur Jenkins

11:45 Stand for Silent Prayer
Miscellaneous Business

12:00 Hymn ..... David Glover
Inspirational Message ..... James Hester

12:30 Adjourn for Lunch
Prayer and Thanks ..... Otis Goins

RECOMMENDATIONS OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1974-1975

GENERAL OFFICERS

General Board Representative ..... Raymond White
Moderator ..... Robert Boggs
Vice Moderator ..... Ronald Rowe
Clerk ..... Mrs. Florrie Kerley
Treasurer ..... Miss Lucy Thompson
Historian ..... Miss Lucy Echerd
Parliamentarian ..... Robert Austin
Director of Training ..... Miss Emilyn Wagner
Sunday School Director ..... Marshall Sargent
W. M. U. Director ..... Miss Marcella Hines
Music Director ..... David Glover
Brotherhood Director ..... Roger Starnes
Church Training Director ..... Mrs. Blayne Hollar

TRUSTEES

1975	*1976*	*1977*
Dale Reid	Eugene Johnson	Maynard Hefner

STANDING COMMITTEES

Missions

Raymond White, *Chm.*	Roy Jester	Arthur Jenkins

Finance

Rayford Rogers, *Chm.*	Gerald Goble	Mrs. Theron Beaman

Evangelism

Ray Shumate, *Chm.*	Kenneth Lambert	Grady Kerley

Time, Place and Preacher

Kenneth Kerley, *Chm.*	Mrs. Pattie Broyhill	Gary Jennings

Constitution

Gary Lail, *Chm.*	A. D. Lindsey	Miss Lucy Echerd

Order of Business

Ronald Rowe, *Chm.*	Emilyn Wagner	Marie Houpe

Seminary Extension

Gary Jennings, *Chm.*	Mrs. Raymond White	Mrs. Jimmy Chapman

Fellowship

A. D. Lindsey, *Chm.*	Ray Shumate	Walter Harrington

Resolutions

Miss Lucy Echerd, *Chm.*	Otis Goins	Richard Anderson

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Children's Homes	William Nicholson
Hospital	Wade Miller
Home for Aging	Mrs. Renn Carrigan
Association Missions	Walter Harrington
State Missions	Mrs. Margaret Robinette
Foreign Missions	Mrs. Stanley Frye
Home Missions	Mrs. Neil Starnes
Cooperative Program	Blayne Hollar
Baptist Foundation	Stanley Frye
Biblical Recorder	R. M. Grant
Christian Education	Mrs. Marvin Childress
Annuity	Roy C. Rogers

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Director	Marshall Sargent
Vacation Bible School Director	James Hester
Secretary	Mrs. Marshall Sargent

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

W M U Director	Miss Marcella Hines
W M U Assistant Director	Miss Lucy Thompson
Baptist Women Director	Miss Emilyn Wagner
Baptist Young Women Director	
Girls in Action Director	
Acteens Director	
Mission Friends Director	Miss Lucy Echerd
Secretary and Treasurer	

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Kerley, *Chairman*
Arthur Jenkins
Marcella Hines

LIST OF MESSENGERS

ANTIOCH: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Mrs. Carris Austin.
BETHLEHEM: Mrs. Irene Privette, Mrs. Julia Adock, Mrs. Ola Lewis.
BEULAH: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dagenhart.
CALVARY: Mrs. Mabel Lowman, Mrs. Cora Barnes.
GRACE: Sue Miller, Joann Frye, Ester Griffin.
HIDDENITE: Mrs. Marvin Childers, Mrs. Virginia Gwaltney, Mrs. Marie Houpe.
LEBANON: Roy Jester, J. D. Whisnant.

LILEDOUN: Mrs. Addie Dagenhart, Mrs. Sam Jenkins, Mrs. Clarsia Jenkins.
LINNEY'S GROVE: Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, Doris Bowles, Mrs. Doris Bowles.
LITTLE RIVER: Roy Rogers, Marie Chapman, Pauline Orren.
MACEDONIA: Mrs. Coie Icehour, Miss Leona Hammer, Mr. Bill Kerr.
MILLERSVILLE: Mrs. Ethel Fox, Mrs. Margie Fox, Mrs. Bell Stafford.
MT. HERMAN: Mrs. Florrie Kerley, Mrs. Thelma Bumgarner, Mrs. Dico Kerley.
MT. OLIVE: Dorene Lowe, Ruth Davis, Eloise Davis.
MOUNTAIN RIDGE: Richard Anderson, Mr. Larry Tester, Mrs. Janie Keller.
OXFORD MEMORIAL: Sue Johnson, Effie Caldwell, Florence Goins.
PILGRIM: D. C. Johnson, Leslie Millsaps, Richard Bustle.
PLEASANT HILL: Mrs. Verna Jolly, Mrs. Sleana Harrington, Mrs. Ester Deal.
POPLAR SPRINGS: Nell Dagenhart, Ruby Bumgarner, Willie Walker.
SMYRNA: Susie Barkley, Judy Smith, Ann Denny.
STONY POINT: Mrs. A. D. Lindsey, Mrs. Doris Jolly, Mrs. Vance Stikeleather.
TAYLORSVILLE EAST: Mrs. Wrenn Carrigan, Lanny Smith, Gary Jennings.
TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST: Mrs. James Farthing, Mrs. Margie Mayberry, Mrs. Barbara Boggs.
THREE FORKS: Roy Rogers, Glenn Johnson, Lindsay Bebber.

PROCEEDINGS

EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Wednesday, October 23, 1974

1. The Eighty-Seventh Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association convened on October 23, 1974 at 9:30 o'clock at the Stony Point Baptist Church with Robert Boggs, Moderator presiding.
2. David Glover led the congregation in singing "Crown Him, Crown Him", "How Great Thou Art", "He Lives Within My Heart" and "Share His Love."
3. Kenneth Lambert led our devotions reading from Romans 15:25-33 and led in prayer.
4. Marshall Sargent moved the adoption of order of business. Voted on and approved.
5. The clerk called the roll with all 24 churches represented.
6. New Pastors were recognized.
7. Marshall Sargent, host pastor welcomed the people to Stony Point.
8. The moderator appointed Raymond White to act as parlimentarian for the session.
9. The moderator called attention to our agencies at work. Each representative moved the adoption of his report as listed in book of reports. These were seconded and approved.
10. Mr. Calvin Knight, Director of Public Relations from Baptist Hospital spoke for the hospital giving us information as to the work there.

11. Rev. Max Evington, Pastor of Mills Home spoke for the Childrens Homes.
12. Rev. Coy Privette spoke for the Biblical Recorder and Christian Action League.
13. Mr. Roy Roberson from Gardner Webb College spoke for Christian Education.
14. David Glover led the congregation in singing "The Solid Rock" and Like A River Glorious."
15. Attention was called to our Association at work and each Director moved the adoption of his report as listed in Book of reports. These were seconded and approved.
16. Miss Lucy Echerd read the history of Stony Point Church.
17. David Glover led the congregation in singing "I Know Whom I Have Believed" and "The Light of the World Is Jesus."
18. Roy Jester read the Scripture and had prayer before the annual message reading from I Corinthians 12.
19. Ronald Rowe brought the annual message using as his text I Corinthians 12:12.
20. Gary Jennings led the prayer of thanks for the noon meal.

Thursday Morning

21. The session was called to order by the moderator, Robert Boggs.
22. David Glover led the Congregation in singing "Marching Upward To Zion," "Blessed Assurance" and sang a solo "Share His Love."
23. Devotion was led by Coie Walker, reading John 4:35-39 and had prayer.
24. The moderator appointed the nominating committee for the coming year as follows: Roy C. Rogers, Chairman, Lanny Smith and Charlie Caldwell.
25. Attention was called to Our Missions at work. The reports as listed in the book of reports were adopted and approved.
26. Tom Green was recognized and spoke for the Cooperative Program.
27. David Glover led the congregation in singing "The Church's One Foundation."
28. Elmer Thomas spoke on Association Missions.
29. The clerk led in a memorial service for our deceased members.
30. Lucy Echerd read the History of Smyrna Baptist Church.
31. Lucy Thompson moved the adoption of the Treasurer's Report. Seconded and approved.
32. Rayford Rogers moved the adoption of the budget, seconded and approved.
33. Time, Place and Preacher committee report was read by the moderator and is listed elsewhere. Walter Harrington moved it be adopted. Vote carried.
34. Arthur Jenkins moved the adoption of the nominating committee report. Seconded, and approved.
35. Raymond White asked that the nominating committee appoint 6 men to serve with the present Missions committee. This was approved.
36. Walter Harrington moved that the Grace Baptist Church and the Three Forks Baptist Church be accepted into full fellowship with our Association.

37. Ray Shumate made motion we accept the recommendation made by the Executive committee in their September meeting as follows: The Executive Committee recommends that a crusade be held for the whole association on July 6-13, 1975. An amendment to the motion was made by Kenneth Lambert as follows: "that we invite members of all faiths to participate in this crusade. The motion carried as amended.
38. Arthur Jenkins made motion that our annual minutes be dedicated to Walter Harrington. This motion was approved.
39. David Glover led the congregation in singing "How Firm A Foundation," "We've A Story To Tell" and "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling."
40. David Glover sang solo "One World, One Lord, One Witness."
41. Special music: "Rise Up Ye Men of God" by David Glover, Arthur Jenkins, Marshall Sargent, Walter Harrington, Ronald Rowe, Raymond White and Kenneth Lambert.
42. James Hester brought the morning message. Scripture taken from Joel 2: 28-29.
43. Otis Goins led prayer of thanks for the noon meal and the Eighty-seventh Session of the Alexander Baptist Association came to a close.

Respectfully submitted,
Florrie Kerley, *Clerk*

TREASURER'S REPORT
October 1, 1973 — September 30, 1974

LUCY THOMPSON, Treasurer

RECEIPTS:	Association	Grace	Total
Antioch	$ 1,116.00		$1,116.00
Bethlehem	1,552.74	$ 305.00	1,857.74
Beulah	52.00		52.00
Calvary	100.00		100.00
Grace	297.14		297.14
Hiddenite	300.00		300.00
Lebannon	100.00		100.00
Liledoun	100.00		100.00
Linney's Grove	63.00		63.00
Little River	25.00		25.00
Macedonia	225.00	40.00	265.00
Millersville	118.25		118.25
Mt. Herman	225.00		225.00
Mt. Olive	100.00	40.00	140.00
Mountain Ridge	75.00		75.00
Oxford Memorial	559.31		559.31
Pilgrim	144.00		144.00
Pleasant Hill	200.00		200.00
Poplar Springs	175.00		175.00
Smyrna	368.24	28.04	396.28
Stony Point	550.00		550.00
Taylorsville, East	338.40		338.40
Taylorsville, First	1,045.28		1,045.28

Three Forks	100.00		100.00
Grace Offerings	1,082.67		1,082.67
Baptist St. Con.		500.00	500.00
Other	96.95		96.95
TOTAL RECEIPTS			$10,022.02
Balance on hand September 30, 1973			7,827.31
			$17,849.33

DISBURSEMENTS:	**Association**	**Grace**	**Total**
Salaries	$ 1,320.00	$ 100.00	$ 1,420.00
Office Expense	295.53		295.53
Utilities	334.65		334.65
Travel	180.00		180.00
Fire Insurance	70.30		70.30
Convention Expense	38.66		38.66
Rent		100.00	100.00
Assoc. Minutes	989.92		989.82
Miscellaneous	115.60		115.60
Sunday School	75.00		75.00
W. M. U.	72.00		72.00
Central Training School	287.46		287.46
Visual Aid	8.25		8.25
V. B. S.	37.40		37.40
Savings and Loan		830.00	830.00
Equipment	482.67		482.67
Paid Balance to Grace		6,461.96	6,461.96
Grace Building Fund		200.00	200.00
Total Disbursements			$11,999.40
Balance on hand September 30, 1974			5,849.93
			$17,849.33
Transferred to Grace Savings & Loan Bldg. Fund Acc.			$11,939.37

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Salary & Travel Expense	$1,500.00
Convention and Ridgecrest Expense	150.00
Office Expense	500.00
Utilities	400.00
Repairs & Maintenance	200.00
Equipment	1,150.00
Associational Minutes	1,100.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
Fire Insurance	75.00
Vacation Bible School	100.00
Sunday School	175.00
Church Training	225.00
Evangelism	100.00
Music	100.00
Brotherhood	100.00
W M U	175.00
Central Training School	350.00

Seminary Extension	300.00
Associational Speakers	100.00
Youth	250.00
Visual Aid	50.00
TOTAL BUDGET	$7,250.00

This budget is subject to amendment to include expenses for a Crusade, if a Crusade is approved by the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Rayford Rogers, *Chm.*
Gerald Goble
Mrs. Theron Beaman

MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The work of the Missions Committee last year centered around gaining information in relation to the duties of a full time promotional secretary. The committee felt this a necessary step in the progress of securing a full time worker for Alexander Baptist Assoc. Dr. Howard Ford of the State Convention (Division of Missions(worked with the committee by providing some guiding prinicples for Associational Mission Work. Additional information was received from the Brushy Mt. Association, Atlantic Association, Beulah Association, Tar River Association, North Roanoke Association and the Savannah River Association. In the process of time, the Rev. Mike Montonaia of the Porter Swamp Baptist Church (Savannah River-Cerro Cordo, N. C.) was interviewed and recommended to the executive committee on December 31, 1973. The motion did not carry and the work toward a full time Associational Worker was terminated for the present time. Rev. Eugene Warrick, chairman of the committee, entered a new work with the Home Mission Board. Progress is now being made in securing a part-time secretary to aid in the typing and mailing of our promotional work. The executive committee approved of this work on October 30, 1974—starting in the immediate future—with limited hours of perhaps twenty per week. The budget committee will provide for such personnel and they will work under the guidance of Mr. Walter Harrington and the present Missions Committee, New Office equipment (typewriter - Address-O-graph) has been purchased by a special committee appointed last year in the annual session. The desire of the Missions Committee is to improve our work in the coming year in all areas. The future looks good for the Alexander Association. This committee stands ready to assist you in every phase of our work.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond M. White, *Chm.*

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Be is hereby resolved:

First: Praise and thanksgiving to God for another year in which to serve Him.

Second: To all who planned the program and those who carried it to conclusion, we are indebted.

Third: To the host churches for their hospitality, the delightful fellowship and the delicious food, we thank you with grateful hearts.

Fourth: That we leave this place dedicated to give more, pray more and work harder to spread the gospel at home and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

We reaffirm our resolution adopted at the 78th annual session in opposition to the establishment of liquor stores and the sale of alcoholic beverages. We continue to encourage Christians to do all in their power to abolish the evils of liquor and drugs. Be it further resolved that we urge merchants to examine their literature and keep it Christian.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Jenkins, *Chm.*
Lucy Echerd
Gary Jennings

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER REPORT

The Eighty-Eighth Session of the Alexander Baptist Association will be held on October 22, 1975 with the Pilgrim Baptist Church and on October 23, 1975 with the Millersville Baptist Church. The annual message will be brought by Roy Jester and alternate preacher will be Grady Kerley.

Respectfully submitted,
Maurice Grant, *Chm.*
Mrs. Ralph Land
Robert Boggs

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

In spite of the growth in size and complexity at your Baptist Hospital, the emphasis is still upon "ministering with skill and understanding." Evidence of this is a typical patient's remark recently: "From the head surgeon to the aide who handed me a glass of water, with all the doctors, nurses, people in the business offices and chaplains in between, I was cheerfully given every personal consideration."

Changes and additions continue to be made for the purpose of providing better hospital care. Renovation of the Progressive Care Unit has been completed, and the South and West Wings of the hospital building are now being renovated. Construction of the Ambulatory Care Unit is well under way and is scheduled for completion in the spring, or early summer, of 1975.

New discoveries continue to make possible better medical care. For example, a new EMI-Scanner is to be installed and is expected to be in use before the end of this year. This device, which combines the use of X-rays and computors, will make it possible to detect brain tumors, blood clots, and strokes more accurately and more quickly. Scans can be completed in about 30 minutes and the results can be available in another five minutes. There is no risk or discomfort involved, and the patient does not have to be admitted to the hospital.

New approaches are also being made in the hospital's ministry to the emotional and spiritual needs of people. The Division of Human Enrichment and Development, in the Department of Pastoral Care, is conducting retreats, seminars, and workshops designed to help appropriate the resources of the Christian faith to the various areas and experiences of life. The Pastoral Care Department has also opened its first satellite center, in Fayetteville, to offer

counseling and training to people in that area. Your Cooperative Program gifts help to suport these ministries.

The School of Nursing graduated its last class in May. The school has been in the process of phasing out for the past three years, as the result of a trustee decision made in 1971.

In January the hospital had its only room rate increase in the past three and one half years. Nevertheless, the hospital continues to operate "in the black." The 1973 Mother's Day Offerings amounted to $375,000. At the time of this writing, our 1974 Mother's Day gifts are running ahead of the same time last year. These gifts are used to assist patients with the most urgent financial needs. A special committee of five Bapists from the Winston-Salem area assists personnel from the hospital Business Office and the Department of Denominational Relations in administering these funds.

Your hospital staff, and the people they serve, are grateful for your interest, your prayers and your financial support.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Jennings

BAPTIST HOMES

As a Baptist, among the many vital ministries that you support are your North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging. For over 23 years now, you have had a part in serving hundreds of older people and making life much happier and secure for them. You have done so through two very helpful means of income: (1) The Special Offering for the Homes, received on the third Sunday of February each year; (2) The Cooperative Program. Gifts through these two sources have increased from year to year, and offerings for 1974 will pershaps exceed $350,000, providing more than 30% of the budget needed to operate 5 resident Homes and the Nursing Care Unit.

God, through you, has blessed this ministry of our Baptist Homes in a remarkable way, leading you to establish two Homes in Winston-Salem, Resthaven, and the Hayes Home, and the Nursing Care Unit, and three other Homes at Albermarle, Hamilton, and Yanceyville. In these Homes, 4 out of every 5 residents depend upon your love gifts and simply could not be cared for without your help.

Of greatest significance during the past year, has been the decision by the Trustees of the Homes to establish a sixth Home in Western North Carolina, to be located in the city of Asheville on the Pearson Estate, a magnificently beautiful twenty-one acreage site, overlooking the city, and with the gorgeous Blue Ridge Mountains in the background. A dedicated group of people in the Western Carolina area have organized the first initial phase of what will become, it is hoped, a major State-Wide fund-raising effort to obtain the necessary money to build this proposed Home, after approval by the General Board, and the Baptist State Convention. Church groups are encouraged to visit the beautiful site on which the proposed Home will be built, and will be served lunch, if an appointment is made in advance.

With the addition of a sixth Home for the Aging, with the spiraling cost of living, and the great and everincreasing needs of older people, it is most urgent that our Baptist people be more generous than ever before in

support for the Homes through the regular channels of the third Sunday of February Offering, the Cooperative Program, and an over and above gift for the Western North Carolina Home.

Ministry to an older person is a direct ministry as unto Christ Himself and is most pleasing to Him, we are sure!

BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Realizing that one of the greatest sources of loss to the cause of Christ has been the death of Christians who leave their estates to heirs indifferent to Christ and His claims, Baptists of North Carolina, meeting in convention in 1919, authorized the establishment of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc. It was chartered in 1920 by the State as an agency whose duties included cultivation of Living Memorials, through gifts in life and in the writing of Christian wills, and to administer such funds in behalf of the donor supporting any or all Baptist work, locally or convention-wide.

Today, as during its early years, The North Carolina Baptist Foundation's Board of Directors is keenly conscious of the need of an enduring financial support for Baptist institutions and agencies.

The value of Foundation assets is approaching two million dollars. During 1973-74, the Foundation received gifts amounting to $150,310.15. A major portion of these gifts was for the establishment of annuity trust funds, providing income to the donor or his survivor, with the residual beneficiary to be a Baptist institution agency, or cause. 10.08% of all gifts received during the year will eventually benefit SBC causes beyond the State.

Income distributed by the Foundation this year amounted to $47,-858.74. Approximately $6,700.00 of income was reinvested by the Foundation in accordance with instructions from the donors.

There are various services offered by the Foundation, with two major ones being, the Life Income Trust and the Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust. Other services will be upcoming in the near future. Please contact Mr. Edwin S. Coates, Executive Secretary, The N. C. Baptist Foundation, Inc., P. O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N. C. 27611, or phone: 919—833-1605, if we may be of service to you.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond White

CHILDREN'S HOMES

Christian child care is a shared adventure. We proceed by faith to build a helping relationship with children and their families in need. We cannot know in advance the final outcome, but we are confident of God's power to work in these relationships for reconciliation and healing.

To understand and feel more a part of this shared adventure one must visit one of the Children's Homes. Several people from our Association visited the Mills Home in Thomasville on September 12, 1974. This was the date of the Fifteenth Annual Area Conference. While on campus we were taken on a tour of the campus. This included visiting the church, a cottage for girls, a family style cottage and the Child development Center. We were fed a delicious meal and then we attended the evening service.

At the evening service we were given a report on the work taking place at our Children's Homes. This included such things as: The completion of the recreation and administration buildings at the Broyhill Home,

the completion of a cottage and two staff residences at the Kennedy Home which will soon be dedicated, and a challenge gift of $100,000 has been received for the development of the Grier-Burris Home at Chapel Hill.

One of the most exciting things given in the report is the opening of two Emergency Care Homes. One of these is in Burlington and the other is in Charlotte. These are homes that can give up to 90 days care when it is needed and before case studies are completed. These homes are established in cooperation with the respective Association. Our Association might wish to consider such a venture.

Also on the program was a premiere showing of the film "The Mountain Within." This is a thirty-minute 16mm sound picture designed to tell the story of the Children's Homes. It is an excellent film and after showings on television it will be released to churches, associations, civic clubs and other interested groups. If you wish to show this film you should place your order with the Department of Communications of the Baptist State Convention or if you wish a representative of the Children's Homes to come and present the film you should contact the Children's Homes.

This shared adventure is the result of the support given throughout the state. Last year our Association gave $9,994 to the Children's Homes in addition to the portion given through the Co-operative Program. I am sure we will want to do even more this year. Visit on campus of one of the Children's Homes and you will be proud to have had a small part in this great adventure.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Hester

ANNUITY

The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board paid out a record nearly $16 million in retirement and protection benefits during 1973. This means that in the Board's history, it has now paid out over $100 million in retirement and protection benefits.

More than 9,000 retired pastors and other church-related vocational workers or their widows receive the benefits.

In addition, the Annuity Board set another record. This one was for funds held in trust for those participating in retirement and protection plans while still in active service. About 38,000 pastors other church staff and denominational agency employes are included.

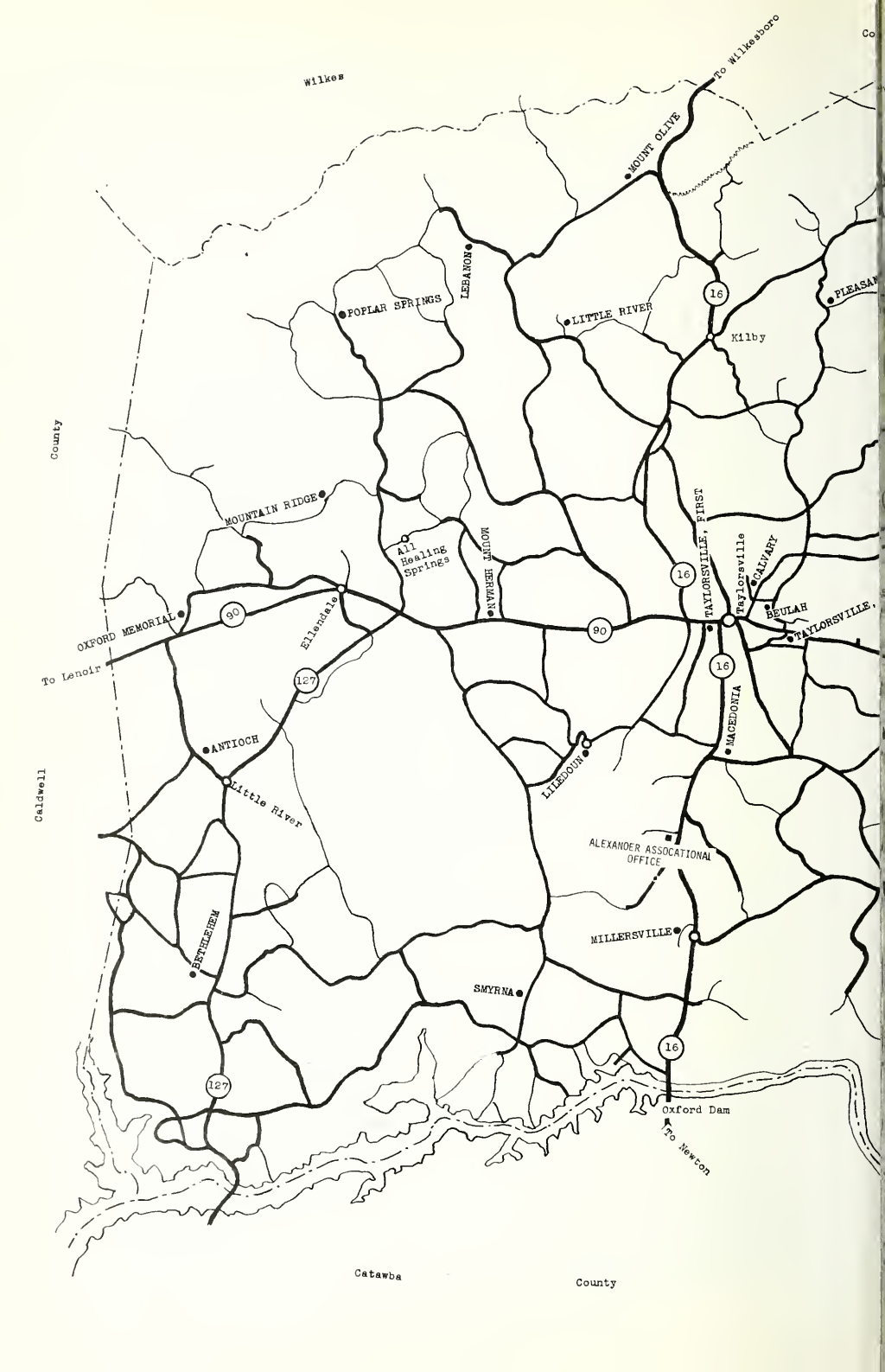
Funds held in trust exceeded $350 million for the first time, President Darold H. Morgan reported.

The Board issued another 13th Check, or extra benefit, for annuitants shortly before Christmas 1973. It amounted to two extra months' worth of benefits and total $1,187,379. The 13th Check helps annuitants, whose benefits are fixed, to meet the rising cost of living. Payment of the 13th Check is over and above the 12 contracted monthly benefits and depends from year to year on investment income.

Board officials and national market experts expected the investmenut picture to brighten in 1974 after a poor performance in the general stock market in 1973 resulted in a deep cut in income from investments. Investment income declined to $10 million in 1973 after hitting a record of more than $22 million the year before.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1887	Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner	J. M. Hendren	W. E. White
1888	Antioch	J. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1889	Bethel	J. B. Poole	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1890	Concord	D. W. Poole	L. P. Gwaltney	T. A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W. J. Bumgarner	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J. M. Shaver	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D. W. Poole	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J. A. White	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L. P. Gwaltney	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J. J. Reach	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D. W. Poole	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R. L. Davis	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R. L. Davis	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O. A. Keller	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1905	Antioch	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1906	Bethel	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1908	Concord	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1909	Damascus	J. M. Shaver	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1910	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J. M. Shaver	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D. W. Poole	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E. V. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1918			J. W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B. F. Austin	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T. H. Williams	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T. E. Payne	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L. E. Barnes	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J. W. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1924	Concord	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J. M. McAlpine	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1927	Mt. Olive	J. H. Boggs	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C. C. Holland	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J. L. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S. I. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A. T. Howell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F. A. Pennell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1937	East Taylorsville	Lee James	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod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POPLAR SPRINGS
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All Healing Springs
MOUNT HERMAN
TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST
Taylorsville
CALVARY
BEULAH
TAYLORSVILLE,
OXFORD MEMORIAL
90
Ellendale
To Lenoir
127
ANTIOCH
Little River
MACEDONIA
LILEDOUN
ALEXANDER ASSOCATIONAL OFFICE
MILLERSVILLE
BETHLEHEM
SMYRNA
Oxford Dam
To Newton
Caldwell
County
Catawba
County

LEGEND

CAPITAL LETTERS — Churches

Little Letters — Locations; towns, etc.

Block Dots — Church Houses

Encircled Figures — Highway Numbers

Broad Heavy Lines — Paved Roads

Light Narrow Lines — Dirt Roads

Broken Lines — County Boundries

Bridges are not shown.

The southern border is Catawba River.

The square on Highway 16 marks the office of the association.

The whole map involves only the area of County.

1938	Three Forks	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C. C. Holland	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T. L. Blalock	A. E. Watts	G. L. Chatham
1941	Pilgrim	J. C. Gwaltney	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E. C. Shoe	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1944	First Taylorsville	H. L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus	E. C. Shoe	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Three Forks			
1947	East Taylorsville	A. E. Watts	A. C. Payne	H. L. Good
	Taylor Springs			
1948	Poplar Springs	A. B. Bumgarner	Homer L. Good	W. W. Harrington
	Bethel			
1949	Antioch	W. O. Johnson	E. V. Bumgarner	W. W. Harrington
	Hiddenite			
1950	Liledoun	J. A. Icenhour	A. B. Bumgarner	J. L. Wells
	Mt. Herman			
1951	Stony Point	J. L. Wells	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	East Taylorsville			
1952	First Taylorsville	J. R. Lail	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	Smyrna			
1953	Pleasant Hill	David C. Boaz	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Bethlehem			
1954	Pilgrim	Herman Johnson	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Little River			
1955	Linney's Grove	R. L. Dixon	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Hiddenite			
1956	Liledoun	H. L. Good	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1957	Macedonia	W. O. Warren	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	First Taylorsville			
1958	Antioch	Horace Moree	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1959	Beulah	I. V. Couch	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Stony Point			
1960	Poplar Springs	H. M. Cartner	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1961	Liledoun	Ralph Kerley	James Teague	W. O. Warren
	Little River			
1962	Pleasant Hill	Henkle Little	R. L. Dixon	W. O. Warren
	Hiddenite			
1963	Bethlehem	Robert Winecoff	R. L. Dixon	W. O. Warren
	Antioch			
1964	Smyrna	James Lockee	Horace Moree	W. O. Warren
	Millersville			
1965	Macedonia	Walter Howell	Horace Moree	W. O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1966	Stony Point	Arthur Jenkins	Marion Powell	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1967	Calvary	Oliver Price	Marion Powell	W. O. Warren
	Liledoun			
1968	First Church	Marion Powell	Oliver Price	W. O. Warren
	Mount Olive			
1969	Antioch	Devon Dyson	Oliver Price	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1970	Poplar Springs	Marvin Willis	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Hiddenite			
1971	Bethlehem	Raymond White	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Mountain Ridge			
1972	Oxford Memorial	Horace Moree	A. D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Pleasant Hill			
1973	Little River	Marshall Sargent	A. D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Linney's Grove			
1974	Stony Point	Ronald Rowe	Robert Boggs	Florrie Kerley
	Smyrna			

The Board's decline in equity, or stock, investments paralleled the decline in the market generally, which affected all other types of investors as well. The major market indicators—Dow-Jones, Standard and Poor, and Value Line—all were down during the year.

By comparison, the Board's investments in mortgage loans and real estate leasebacks proved to be profit-making for the year. In an effort to continue earning from real estate investments, the Board announced a new type of Plan C investment called land equity loans. Plan C is the Board's variable benefit plan, which supplements the basic retirement program, called Plan A, for ministers.

Additional information on the Annuity Board may be secured from Development Office, SBC Annuity Board, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas.

As of June, 1974 the following churches were participating in the retirement program: Antioch, Bethlehem, East Taylorsville, Hiddenite, Lebanon, Macedonia, Millersville, Mt. Herman, Oxford Memorial, Poplar Springs, Smyrna, Stony Point, and Taylorsville First.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Rowe

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In this age of confusion, discontent, and rebellion the subject of Christian Education deserves the serious consideration of all who are interested in the future of our nation.

Religious education should begin in the home. In the Old Testament fathers were commanded in these words to give their children religious instruction: "And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children . . ." Exodus 6: 6-7. The New Testament repeats the command to teach and discipline children: "Fathers, bring your children up with Christian teaching and Christian discipline . . ." Ephesians 6:4 (Phillips Translation)

I taught school for forty-seven years, but I never separated intellectual education from spiritual or moral instruction. I always tried to correlate the two. I was careful never to introduce denominational doctrine in the classroom, but interpreation of literature offers the best possible opportunities for teaching morality and good citizenship. Quite frequently I am reminded that long after the quotations that I taught from Shakespeare or how to diagram a sentence had been forgotten, the moral lesson learned in the interpretation remained in the mind of the student.

When the time comes for the teenager to leave home and enter an institution of higher learning, the parent is really faced with a problem. It is common knowledge that many of these, even some of our denominational colleges, have become infiltrated with liberalism, false doctrines, even aetheism. Discipline has been discarded, drug addiction is rampant, and morality is at a very low ebb.

Here is were the parent has to depend on the home training and Christian education that he has tried to instill in his child during childhood years. His choice of a college to which to send his son or daughter must be made after careful and prayerful consideration of the institutions available. He should choose the one that has the most to offer and the fewest undesirable elements.

North Carolina Baptists through the Cooperative Program and the Baptist Scholarship offering on Father's Day help to support our Baptist Schools. These church-related institutions have something to offer Baptist youth that is not to be found in state-supported schools.

Generally they are smaller and stress the importance of the individual student; thus they can know and minister more effectively to his individual needs.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Elizabeth G. Childers

BIBLICAL RECORDER

The *Biblical Recorder* is grateful for another good year, although these are difficult days for religious publications. Some have had to go out of business while others are squeezed by rising costs. The *Recorder* has not escaped the pressures of inflation. For example paper has risen 61 per cent already this year—and the end is not in sight.

Even so, the *Recorder* has been in business for 141 years and expects to continue. A few changes have to be made, however, to keep the paper strong. As staff members have resigned or retired, they have not been replaced. Some weeks the number of pages has to be reduced to save money, but readers have been very understanding.

Despite some problems, the *Recorder* is enjoying its highest circulation in history—more than 111,000—thanks to the continuing support of the vast majority of Baptist churches in the state. These churches and their members remember the part the *Recorder* played in the overwhelming defeat of liquor by the drink last November. This is probably the most significant story that the *Recorder* has reported since the associations met last year. You will remember that approximately 70 per cent of the voters in the state voted against liquor by the drink and it was defeated in 97 of 100 counties. This should take care of this issue for awhile.

The *Recorder* will continue its emphasis on local church coverage seeking to deal with problems that every church has. Naturally, we are prejudiced, but we do not believe any publication can take the place of the Biblical *Recorder.* If your church does not send it to every family, may we ask a simpl equestion: Why? At a cost of only a nickel a week for each family, this is the best investment a Baptist church can make. Put the *Recorder* in the budget before it has to increase the rate because of inflation.

Respectfully submitted,
R. M. Grant

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive committee met five times since our association met for its annual meeting. One of these meetings was a special called meeting. Anyone wishing to read the minutes of these meetings may do so either by asking me to see them or go by the office where they are on file. We would encourage all churches to send their representives to these meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Florrie Kerley

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The central thrust of our Sunday Schools remains what it has always been—Bible Study. Our Sunday School Board has recommended that we read the Bible through in 1974-75. The suggested readings for each day are listed in most of the Sunday School literature. Following these guidelines we read the Old and New Testaments concurrently.

The Sunday School week at Ridgecrest which Walter Harrington and I attended was another great week of inspiration and challenge. The key emphasis was reaching out to people.

Our Enlargement and Improvement Campaign was held in September at the First Baptist Church. Departmental workshops were led by Walter Harrington, A. D. Lindsey, Rev. Ronald Rowe, Mrs. Irene Privette, and Mrs. Joyce Heafner. A worship service followed the group sessions with the Rev. James Huneycutt, Jr. bringing the message. Mr. Huneycutt is pastor of the Western Avenue Baptist Church, Statesville. Approximately 100 people attended. We believe the campaign was a profitable effort and we trust that it will be reflected in our Sunday Schools this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Marshall E. Sargent

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Fifteen of our churches have reported their Vacation Bible Schools. These reports indicate we had a good year. There were 1,734 entrolled, with 27 professions of faith. Our mission offering was $491.32 with Liledoun giving $94.00 to the Baptist Children's Home. This is what it is all about, reaching out to those who do nok know Jesus, teaching them his word. Grace Baptist is still setting an excellent example. They had two hundred enrolled with an average attendance of one hundred sixty five.

Our association did not have a Vacation Bible School clinic this year, but joined with Caldwell Association. We had good attendance at both Granite Falls and Lower Creek clinic.

Preparation and determination are the ingredients for regeneration as we look forward to the State Vacation Bible School Clinic, for knowledge and inspiration, at Wingate College in January.

Prayerfully consider your personal responsibility for an associational clinic. We have an opportunity for an effective ministry through our V.B.S. don't let this opportunity pass by. REACH OUT!

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Jimmy Privette

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

The Baptist Association is the oldest organization in Southern Baptist life apart from the local church. It is alive, well and indispensable to the continued growth of the denomination. At the National Convocation on the Southern Baptist Association held at Ridgecrest last spring, all the speakers underscored the importance of each association in Baptist life and its strategic role for the future. Allen Graves said, "The association exists to minister to, for, through and from the churches to the glory of God. It serves as a link between churches and convention."

Associational Missions is voluntarily working together in love and fellowship to do what our Lord has commanded, and do it better than

churches could possibly do it separately. As your missionary, I am simply a fellow laborer with the pastors and the Baptist of the Alexander Association. I claim no authority over anyone or any church. I only want to work with and for you all.

During the past year I have attended the State Convention and various Conferences and workshops at Ridgecrest and Fruitland. I have brought back ideas and plans and tried to keep the pastors and churches informed of our work in general, and promoted specific programs.

I have cooperated with other missionaries and associations, speaking as the occasion arose. We have had our Mission emphasis, Central Training School and the Sunday School Conference which was attending by about 100 pastors, officers and teachers. We had conference for different groups of the Sunday School, and a fine challenging and inspirational message by Rev. James Huneycutt, Jr. pastor of Western Avenue Church, Statesville.

The highlight of our missions was Grace Mission becoming Grace Baptist Church on November 11, 1973 this organization was conducted by the officers of the association and Mission Committee at Bethlehem School with 49 charter members and a full organization. Rev. Stanley Frye was elected pastor.

This group went to work at once in real earnest, began a building about the first of the year and moved into it the First Sunday in May. They began a revival that night and before the week was over passed 100 members. They are still going strong with 168 members. One member, Joe Elmore has surrendered to the call to the ministry and is going to Fruitland Baptist Institute to prepare himself for the work.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Harrington

TRAINING

On October 1, 2, and 4, 1973 seven churches—First Baptist in Taylorsville, Hiddenite, Smyrna, Bethlehem, Pleasant Hill, Black Oak Ridge, and Vashti—were represented in the Associational Training School held in First Baptist Church. The emphasis was on Music.

Teachers for the classes included Mr. Joe Stroud and Mrs. Charles Gatwood of Raleigh, Mr. Julian Suggs of Hickory, Miss Debbie Leonhardt of the Bethlehem Church, and Mrs. Jane Kirby of Statesville.

There were 71 enrolled and an average attendance of 53.

Respectfully submitted,
Emilyn Wagner

CHURCH TRAINING

CHURCH is the "Sunday Night Place" to be for Fellowship, Training and Worship.

Church members have always needed training but never before has the challenge to train been so great. Trained, committed church members are needed to communicate the gospel to today's world.

The following tasks have been identified as making up the training program of a church.

1. Orient new church members
2. Train church members to perform the functions of a church
3. Train church leaders

4. Teach Christian theology, Christian ethics, Christian history, and church policy and organization.
5. Provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church and denomination.

In our Association we have 11 churches with approximately 938 members with a Church Training program. During this year several churches have had new member orientation classes, and special Bible Study classes. One church has a class in deaf interpreter training and one had a church history class.

Ten girls and one boy from Antioch, East Taylorsville and Hiddenite churches represented the Association and were winners in the State Scripture Exploring Drill at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute on June 1. Two of these were declared Three Year State Winners. Each participant learned to quote 40 Scripture verses by use of the flash card. We encourage more of our boys and girls, 9-10-11 years old, to participate this year.

The Scriptures tell us that church members must grow in knowledge, understanding and skill. What responses will our churches make this year? Surely we will answer with a renewed commitment to the imperative of training for the work of Christian service!

To make a difference . . . TRAIN
It's the Christlike thing to do.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Blayne Hollar

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

We have added two churches with Mission organizations this year, Three Forks and Grace.

Miss Lucy Thompson and I attended a workshop at Munda Vista in September for Associational officers.

Please pray that more of our churches will feel the need to begin a mission organization this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcella Hines

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention reports as of August 1, 1974 the Board has overseas, missionary forces in 80 countries divided into the following categories: Career Missionaries, 2,237, Missionary Associates, 187, Missionary Journeymen, 150, Special Project, 3, a total of 2,577.

The tenth and largest group of journeymen since the program was initiated in 1965 has been commissioned this year. Journeymen are college graduates no older than twenty-six who work for two years in specific job assignments overseas alongside career missionaries. Job assignments include teaching, preaching, communications, nursing, youth and student work, agricultural work, business administration, bookkeeping and secretarial work.

A 16mm motion picture (8½ minutes) is available to the churches (through Baptist Film Centers, $4.00) PRAYER FOR SIGHT. It was shown to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas and tells of

God's world. It speaks of the beauty and the ugly, the beauty of human love poured into humanity suffering. It asks. Where do I fit in?

Of each dollar given to foreign missions through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, a much higher per cent actually arrives overseas than in most other missionary efforts. Here is a breakdown of how the Foreign Mission dollar is spent.

$ .804 Administrative Purposes—includes: upkeep on the home office in Richmond, staff salaries, travel, stationary, postage, insurance, office equipment, cost of board meetings, annual audit, legal and miscellaneous expenses. . . . $ .0153 Promotion—includes publicity, in denominational papers, The Commission Magazine, audio-visual productions, audio-visual equipment, literature, the Jenkins Library, deputation work of the missionaries, recruitment materials. . . . $ .9043 to Foreign Fields—includes: salaries and expenses of missionaries, advance training of selected Baptist leaders from abroad and USA, evangelism and church development, maintenance of schools and hospitals, operation of publishing house, purchase of property abroad and miscellaneous expenses.

Your Mission Board is one of the most efficient missionary channels of any missionary enterprise. This is so simply because of the goodwill of our Southern Baptist Cooperating churches makes it possible to spend, percentage-wise, less on publicity and administration needs. More of the given dollar actually reaches the Mission field than other efforts because of this fact. We are proud of our cooperating churches that help the Board do this joy, who, indeed, are themselves a vital part of this job of carring the Gospel news to all peoples.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara B. Boggs

HOME MISSIONS

What is Missions? Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He gave to His disciples (and to us) what is known as "the great commission."

> "All power in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. You, then, are to go and make disciples of all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to observe all that I have commanded you and, remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." Matthew 28:18-20

Missionaries all over the United States are helping to carry out this commission.

The goal of $7,200,000 from the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering this year will be used to help support the following: Language Missions, The US-2 Program ,Christian Social Ministries, Associational Services, Interfaith Witness, Evangelism, Student Missions, Church Extension, and Cooperative Ministries.

The Home Mission Board continues to expand and break into new fields of work; therefore, we cannot emphasize enough the need to help.

Arthur B. Rutledge, Executive Secretary, summarizes the work of the Home Mission Board:

"Every church is where the action is. Your Home Mission Board likewise is where the action is, often exciting action, as it serves the churches as an arm of witness and ministry. The Board undergirds the work of young congregations and young state conventions in 'pioneer' mission areas. It serves throughout the nation, with younger groups, in ministering to needy human beings in the name of Christ It serves in ghettoes and subdivisions, in apartment complexed and in rural communities, in resort settings and in hospitals. It serves persons of all ages and of many races. Its controlling objective in every activity is to help persons find Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior—and in Him find forgiveness, renewal, purpose, meaning, and a decent and worthy life."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Marshall E. Sargent

STATE MISSIONS

The churches are on mission to people under the Lordship of Christ—Matthew 28:19-20; Act. 1:8. Churches in a cooperative plan express their mission beyond the local congregation. State Missions is interrelated by planning and financing with associations, the State Convention, Home and Foreign Mission Boards. There is a ministry of State Missions expressed in evangelism through the local church, youth rallies, summer ministries, Church Programs, and Stewardship promotion. State Missions is Christian Social Service expressed through institutions. State Missions is churches expressing a positive interest in Christian Education.

State Missions is a multiplicity of special ministries too big for any one local curch. These ministries to areas of need may be altogether supported by State Missions budgeting, or a cooperative budgeting arrangement of the local church, the association, the State Convention, and the Home Mission Board. Such specilized ministries include work at Cherokee and Pembroke, promotion and coordination of World Mission Conferences, supplement to associational budgets, support of part-time Chaplaincies in several correctional institutions, assistance in witnessing to and enlisting for service Orientals and Spanish speaking peoples. A specialized ministry to the deaf includes evangelizing, teaching and counselling the deaf.

Also included is a cooperative plan for Seminary extension and a rapidly growing Resort Ministry. Fruitland Baptist Institute is an area of State Missions. Our cities need Baptist Centers and other expressions of Christian social and evangelistic concern. State Missions continues a specialized ministry with other races and promotes and supports a vigorous inner city ministry.

State Missions serves the pastor and local church. New churches are encouraged by loans and grants of lot aid. Needy churches are given financial aid until they can become self-supporting. Pastors are directly helped through Annunity supplements.

State Missions is a cooperative ministry to churches that need help and to people who need God.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Kermit Patterson

STEWARDSHIP-COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

More than 5,000 missionaries at home and abroad depend on gifts through the Cooperative Program for a salary each month. Over 3,000 of these have a basic ministry of evangelism, with all of the others using their skills as nurses, teachers, doctors, etc. to meet human needs in order to bring these to Christ. Through the Cooperative Program you are helping the widow, the homeless child, the homeless aged, the sick, plus the ministries of preaching and teaching.

Increasing the percentage given through the Cooperative Program is an excellent follow-through for the special offerings your church receives.

Failure to have a good follow-through, in anything, would be frustrating at the least and tragic at the most. Failure to have a good follow-through when you are fishing would cause all of your fish to get away and this would be frustrating. It would be tragic not to have a good follow-through in a baptismal service.

A good follow-through is the lifeline between good planning and good results. You will get excellent result sif you plan well your special offerings and let your major emphasis be on the lifeline: YOUR COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.

Would your church give more if you received more money? If so, you need to have a through stewardship program in your church.

Last year 1,236 churches increased Cooperative Program giving by 10 per cent or more over what they gave the previous year. "Two of the associations in North Carolina had 100 per cent of their churches giving through the Cooperative Program in 1973. These associations were: Flat River and Tar River.

WILL YOU DO FOUR THINGS?

1. Will you lead the church were you serve to increase Cooperative Program and associational mission giving by 10% or more?
2. Will you have a special prayer for your missionaries and other Cooperative Program causes during each service in your church during the October Cooperative Program prayer month?
3. Will you send your check for Cooperative Program *each month* to Baptist State Convention, P. O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N. C. 27611?
4. Will you help us have a good *stewardship workshop* in your association next spring or summer, so we can: (1) study recommendations for pastor and staff salary increases; (2) get an overview of available program helps for each church in stewardship; and (3) receive a report on where you are in your goals for associational and Cooperative Program giving?

Respectfully submitted,
Blayne Hollar

HISTORY OF STONY POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

Stony Point Baptist Church is 75 years old, having been organized on October 3, 1909 with 23 charter members. The first church building was erected in 1910 and the first service was held in it on January 1, 1911. The building was used until 1944.

The first pastor, L. Parks Gwaltney served until 1918 when Ernest Bumgarner came to serve until 1932. C. C. Holland was pastor until 1939 and during his service an educational building with eight rooms was added to the church and the church began holding services two Sundays each month. J. D. Whisnant served 1942 to March 1943 when H. L. Good began his ministry. While Mr. Good was here, a parsonage was bought and remodeled, more educational rooms were added and the church was brick veneered. Bumgarner Hall was erected and named to honor the second pastor of the church. Full time services began in 1949. When Mr. Good resigned in 1958, the church called Dr. W. K. McGee as Interim Pastor until 1959 when H. M. Cartner came to serve until 1963. John Scalf served from 1963 to 1966; Henry Cook from 1966 to 1971. G. D. Danner was Interim Pastor, from Nov. 1971 to April 1972 when the church called the present pastor, Marshall Sargent.

Last year the educational building was air-conditioned, a Youth Director was added to the church staff and a church bus was purchased with memorial gifts to Mrs. Nancy Lackey. This year a new parsonage was built and was occupied in July 1974.

As a personal footnote, while your church is fortunate to have Mr. Sargent as Pastor, we at Taylorsville First share your good fortune since we have Mrs. Sargent as our very capable church secretary.

Lucy Echerd, *Historian*

HISTORY OF SMYRNA BAPTIST CHURCH

Smyrna Baptist Church was organized 51 years ago on October 23, 1923 with 30 charter members but according to Dr. A. L. Crouse, a historian of this area this was not the first Baptist work in this community, "Charity" was a church here and this was before the Alexander Baptist Association was formed in 1887. The Post Office address was Barrets Mountain. They used an arbor for worship and although a church building was started, it was not completed. Dr. Crouse did not know the reason for the dissolution of "Charity."

Symrna was started as a mission of Highland Baptist Church in Hickory and the church building was first occupied in August 1924. Improvements have been made through the years as classrooms were added. When we met here in 1964, the outside had been brick veneered, the sanctuary enlarged and stained windows installed. Since then more rooms have been added, a new piano, organ and air conditioning installed.

A pastor's study has been completed and furnished; the beautiful new educational building with fellowship hall and kitchen is the newest addition.

The Church Parsonage was dedicated on July 15, 1956 and has been added to and improved with air-conditioning and landscaping.

Former pastors serving began with Cleve Whitener, then J. H. Boggs, R. G. Short, G. C. Teague, Jack Keller, J. L. Teague, J. E. Cartner, E. C. Choe, J. R. Lail, W. G. Wilson, Horace Moree and James Weaver. C. Ray Shumate accepted the call to the church in April 1971 and the church is progressing under his leadership.

Lucy Echerd, *Historian*

IN MEMORIAL

The following members of our churches have died since our last association meeting. May the Lord bless their memory to our good and His Glory.

ANTIOCH—Miss Artie Jones, Mrs. Butler Johnson, Mrs. Gertrude White, Mrs. Landon Smith, Mrs. John Hollar, Mr. Maynard Little, Mr. Glenn Smith

BEULAH—Mr. Troy Lail, Mrs. Bertha Minton

CALVARY—Mr. Howard Moore

GRACE—Mr. Fred Whetstine

HIDDENITE—Mrs. Irwa Thomas, Mr. W. C. Lowe, Mr. Marvin Childers, Mr. Grier Thomas

LILEDOUN—Mr. O. C. Dyson, Mrs. Virginia Dyson

LINNEY'S GROVE—Mrs. Mattie R. Baity, Mrs. Claude B. Trigg

LITTLE RIVER—Mrs. Katie Mullis

MACEDONIA—Mr. Lloyd Stafford

MOUNT HERMAN—Mrs. Betty Kerley

MOUNT OLIVE—Deacon Parks Russell

MOUNTAIN RIDGE—Mr. Demspey Pennell

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Miss Millie Johnson

POPLAR SPRINGS—Mrs. Garnie Horn

STONY POINT—Mrs. Clyde Faires, Mrs. Pearl Patterson, Mr. Ruben Stikeleather, Mrs. Bessie Honeycutt Barnes, Mrs. Hessie Baker, Mrs. J. P. Watts, Mr. Talmage Mayberry

TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Mr. Maurice Barnes, Mrs. Tesie James, Mrs. Ada King, Mr. Carl Lackey, Mr. T. O. Matlock, Mrs. Betty Price, Mr. Howard Shoemaker, Deacon Rayford Wike.

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—Mrs. Maude Chapman, Mrs. Candace Reid

THREE FORKS—Mrs. Carrie Bebber, Mr. Cub Watts, Mr. Harold Moose, Miss Luna Burgess, Mrs. Genetta Philbeck.

STATISTICAL TABLES

Table A — CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION

CHURCHES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	Year organized as a church	Location 1—Open Country 2—Village 3—Town	Services held twice on Sunday? Yes or No	Total Baptisms	Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)	Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	Present resident members	Present nonresident members	Grand total present members	No. members received from non-Baptist Churches	No. members lost to non-Baptist Churches	Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	Value of church property including pastor's home	Total church debt at end of this associational year
Antioch	Ronald Rowe, Rt. 2, Taylorsville	1826	1	Yes	14	9	15	454	63	517	0	2	50,000	400,000	0
Bethlehem	Kenneth Lambert, Route 1, Taylorsville	1871	1	Yes	6	24	15	444	50	494	1	3	45,000	450,000	3,000
Beulah	Steve Dagenhart, P. O. Box 393, Taylorsville	1916	3	Yes	5	1	7	157	30	187	0	0	33,000	120,000	5,200
Calvary	Hinkle Little, P. O. Box 254, Taylorsville	1948	3	Yes	3	6	9	201	2	203	0	0	50,000	250,000	
Grace	Stanley Frye, Route 1, Taylorsville	1973	1	Yes	61	67	4	164	4	168	6	0		65,000	33,000
Hiddenite	James M. Hester, P. O. Box 38, Hiddenite	1915	3	Yes	2	11	8	215	26	241	0	0	35,000	50,000	
Lebanon	Roy Jester, Rt. 4, Taylorsville	1884	1	Yes	9	0	1	74	48	122	0	0	26,200	50,000	5,100
Liledoun	Coy Walker, P. O. Box 475, Taylorsville	1906	2	Yes	5	5	15	282	130	412	0	0	30,000	154,000	
Linney's Grove	Bill Nicholson, Route 1, Hiddenite	1895	1	No	9	3	3	202	34	236	0	0		100,000	
Little River	Arthur Jenkins, Route 2, Taylorsville	1792	1	No	1	11	0	140	10	150	0	0		125,000	2,160
Macedonia	Ervel Jones, Route 1, Taylorsville	1844	1	No	0	0	12	171	47	218	0	2	32,000	117,000	
Millersville	S. L. Bumgarner, Route 3, Taylorsville	1923	2	Yes	15	3	1	220	53	273	0	0	34,332	50,000	14,000
Mount Herman	Raymond White, Route 2, Taylorsville	1912	1	Yes	3	5	9	222	64	286	2	2	23,000	116,000	
Mount Olive	Grady Kerley, 411 Hammer Rd., Taylorsville	1865	1	Yes	0	0	2	150	50	200	0	0		75,000	
Mountain Ridge	Richard Anderson, Route 1, Lenoir	1954	1	Yes	1	0	2	75	1	76	0	0		53,000	
Oxford Memorial	Otis Goins, Rt. 2, Taylorsville	1944	1	Yes	0	2	10	189	46	235	0	0	45,000	90,000	
Pilgrim	W. Miller, 1407 Westwood Lane, Wilkesboro	1837	1	No	7	4	2	181	32	213	0	0		100,000	
Pleasant Hill		1852	1	Yes	4	2	4	255	35	290	1	0		47,000	
Poplar Springs	Devon Dyson, Route 6, Taylorsville	1872	1	Yes	8	8	4	226	62	288	0	0		75,000	
Smyrna	C. R. Shumate, Route 6, Taylorsville	1923	1	Yes	11	10	18	192	17	209	1	1	25,000	225,000	40,000
Stony Point	Marshall E. Sargent, P.O.B. 198, Stony Point	1909	3	Yes	19	10	18	345	83	428	3	2	60,000	250,000	98,265
Taylorsville, East	Gary Jennings, P.O.B. 906, Taylorsville	1924	3	Yes	30	27	21	556	101	657	0	0	40,000	266,000	17,200
Taylorsville, First	Robert L. Bogg, P.O.B. 305, Taylorsville	1851	3	Yes	13	10	26	549	142	691	0	0	35,000	365,000	45,350
Three Forks		1857	1	Yes	5	10	20	350	121	471	0	1	30,000	185,000	
TOTALS			38		231	225	285	6014	1251	7265	14	13	593,532	3,778,000	263,275

Table B — THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll enrolment (under 2 years of age)	Preschool enrolment (2-5 years)	Children enrolment (6-11 years)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years)	Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years)	Adult enrolment (30-59 years)	Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over)	Adults Away enrolment	Homebound Units enrolment	General officers enrolment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing Sunday School enrolment	Average weekly Sunday School attendance	Number of Bible Study groups	Bible Study groups enrolment	Church V. B. S. enrolment	Total V. B. S. enrolment
Antioch	Larry Crouch, Rt. 1, Granite Falls	13	49	56	53	51	70	30	9	27	3	0	361	224	0	0	200	200
Bethlehem	Gary D. Lail, Route 1, Taylorsville	30	33	78	58	54	101	31	0	0	6	0	391	244	0	0	136	136
Beulah	Bobby Deal, 106 Winter Haven, Tay'le	0	5	14	7	15	40	15	0	0	2	0	98	84	0	0	51	51
Calvary	Denny Dyson, Taylorsville	0	29	24	57	48	28	48	36	0	0	0	270	253	0	0	0	0
Grace	Tommy Wrenn, Hickory	11	18	47	29	25	41	5	0	0	3	0	179	98	0	0	200	200
Hiddenite	Witson Davidson, Rt. 1, Stony Point	7	11	22	23	9	68	16	3	0	2	0	161	117	0	0	50	50
Lebanon	J. L. Brown, Jr., Rt. 4, Taylorsville	2	4	6	7	16	15	0	0	0	12	0	52	46	0	0	42	42
Liledoun	Roland Chapman, Rt. 6, Taylorsville	10	8	20	25	20	40	40	0	0	6	0	163	80	0	0	126	126
Linney's Grove	Billy Millsaps, Rt. 1, Hiddenite	18	11	10	34	35	41	30	0	0	12	0	215	121	0	0	86	86
Little River	Rickey Brown, Rt. 4, Taylorsville	6	19	29	12	16	43	5	0	0	1	0	131	102	0	0	88	88
Macedonia	Nesbie Cline, Route 1, Taylorsville	2	8	8	33	27	50	22	0	0	0	30	180	119	0	0	63	63
Millersville	Franklin Barber, Route 3, Taylorsville	10	12	28	12	20	40	10	4	0	0	0	136	98	0	0	109	109
Mount Herman	Lanny Stewart, Route 4, Taylorsville	4	18	31	27	14	66	19	0	0	4	0	183	142	0	0	74	74
Mount Olive	Everette Davis, Taylorsville	2	7	5	21	8	34	18	0	0	0	0	95	68	0	0	48	48
Mountain Ridge	Author Keller, Route 2, Taylorsville	5	7	7	6	15	12	0	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0
Oxford Memorial	Don Reid, Route 2, Lenoir	8	17	20	23	22	30	9	0	0	4	0	133	103	0	0	83	83
Pilgrim	Buddy G. Jolly, Route 1, Hiddenite	3	10	19	6	15	43	15	0	1	3	0	115	68	1	35	54	54
Pleasant Hill	Larry Teague, Route 5, Taylorsville	6	6	10	22	50	29	0	0	0	3	0	164	101	3	55	64	64
Poplar Springs	Darrell Presnell, Route 3, Taylorsville	10	12	18	25	45	50	15	0	0	0	0	175	0	0	0	93	93
Smyrna	Ray Crouch, Rt. 6, Taylorsville	5	6	39	22	20	19	26	0	0	5	0	142	113	2	68	78	78
Stony Point	Tommy C. McNeely, Rt. 1, Stony Point	23	35	70	63	52	84	21	0	13	7	0	368	212	0	0	216	216
Taylorsville, East	Gary Kerley, Taylorsville	28	42	98	101	65	81	35	0	0	10	0	460	297	1	10	202	202
Taylorsville, First	Van Tarlton, Taylorsville	4	33	77	82	29	145	68	0	16	7	0	461	238	0	0	238	238
Three Forks	Lloyd Douglas, Route 4, Taylorsville	5	22	26	35	56	94	41	6	0	4	0	289	215	0	0	40	40
TOTALS		212	422	768	783	722	1264	519	58	57	94	30	4969	3143	7	168	2341	2341

Table C — TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Preschool enrolment (5 years and under)	Children enrolment (6-11 years)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years)	Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years)	Adult enrolment (30-59 years)	Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over)	General officers enrolment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total Training Union ongoing enrolment	Average weekly Church Training attendance	New Member Orientation Registration	New Member Orientation Completed
Antioch	Mrs. Blayne Hollar, Route 2, Taylorsville	22	29	30	20	12	15	2	0	130	91	0	0
Bethlehem	Miss Emilyn Wagner, Route 1, Taylorsville	23	32	22	26	19	0	4	0	126	71	30	20
Hiddenite	Paul Hendren, Route 2, Hiddenite	2	20	12	0	16	0	2	0	52	35	0	0
Macedonia	Mrs. Bill Kerr, Taylorsville	3	6	4	12	25	11	5	0	66	40	0	0
Mount Herman	Bob Brewington, Boston Road, Taylorsville	6	9	16	7	16	4	2	0	60	48	0	0
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Stanley Reid, Route 2, Lenoir	12	17	21	23	17	6	4	0	90	68	0	0
Smyrna	Fred Deaton, Route 6, Taylorsville	8	28	12	9	15	0	4	2	78	53	0	0
Stony Point	Dawson Beckham, Stony Point	11	0	0	0	28	0	1	0	40	14	0	0
Taylorsville, East	George Biddy, Taylorsville	22	30	55	0	55	0	2	0	164	100	0	0
Taylorsville, First	Mrs. Marvel Reno, Taylorsville	10	26	30	0	52	0	3	0	121	57	0	0
Three Forks	David Chapman, Route 40, Taylorsville	8	6	9	5	18	43	2	0	91	70	0	0
TOTALS		127	203	211	102	273	79	31	2	1018	647	30	20

Table D — CHURCH MUSIC

CHURCHES	MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Preschool enrolment (5 years and under)	Children enrolment (6-11 years)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years)	Adult enrolment (18 and over)	Handbell ringers enrolment	Vocal ensemble enrolment	Instrumental ensembles enrolment	General music leaders enrolment	Total ongoing church music attendance	Average weekly church music enrolment	Church music study group enrolment
Antioch	Mrs. Robert Austin, Route 2, Taylorsville	15	0	15	30	0	0	0	0	60	50	0
Bethlehem	Miss Debbie A. Leonhardt, Route 1, Taylorsville	28	46	32	40	0	0	0	8	146	120	15
Beulah	Escar Bowman, Taylorsville	0	0	20	25	0	0	0	0	45	45	0
Calvary	Ned Little, Taylorsville	25	40	15	45	0	16	0	4	145	100	0
Grace	Mrs. Patsy Daniels, Route 1, Taylorsville	8	12	12	20	0	0	0	4	56	45	0
Hiddenite	Mrs. Marie Houpe, P. O. Box 5, Hiddenite	0	8	11	17	0	0	0	3	39	0	0
Lebanon	Jimmie Watts, Saunders Road, Taylorsville	0	6	11	9	0	0	0	2	28	18	0
Liledoun	Roland Chapman, Route 6, Taylorsville	0	5	16	20	0	5	0	4	50	25	0
Linney's Grove	Wayne Hayes, Route 1, Hiddenite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little River	Gary Jenkins, Route 2, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Macedonia	Redge Chapman, Oak Drive, Taylorsville	4	0	10	20	0	0	0	3	37	0	0
Millersville	Mrs. Christine Fox, Route 3, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Herman	Mrs. Carol Mecimore, Route 3, Taylorsville	0	0	0	18	0	0	4	2	24	0	0
Mount Olive	Marie Childers, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain Ridge	Larry Tester, Route 2, Taylorsville	6	4	3	12	0	0	0	0	25	25	0
Oxford Memorial	Chuck Holesclaw, Route 2, Lenoir	0	10	24	26	0	0	0	0	60	54	0
Pilgrim	Elbert J. Mitchell, Route 1, Hiddenite	8	14	12	21	0	0	0	1	56	40	0
Pleasant Hill	Roger Harrington, Taylorsville	0	7	12	25	0	0	0	4	48	40	0
Poplar Springs	Butler Chapman, Route 4, Taylorsville	6	15	12	20	1	0	4	4	62	50	30
Smyrna	Curtiss Millsaps, 226 Liledoun Road, Taylorsville	0	10	15	30	0	0	4	3	57	50	30
Stony Point	Mrs. Virginia Moore, 521 North Miller Ave., Statesville	0	17	30	32	0	0	0	0	79	57	0
Taylorsville, East	Lanny Smith, P. O. Box 906, Taylorsville	15	35	55	50	0	35	0	6	196	150	0
Taylorsville, First	David Glover, Taylorsville	44	49	39	35	32	0	0	12	210	130	0
Three Forks	Escar Childers, Route 4, Taylorsville	9	13	40	45	0	0	0	0	107	100	0
TOTALS		168	291	384	540	33	56	12	50	1530	1093	75

Table E — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Mission Friends (6-11 years)	Girls in Action (5 years and under)	Acteens (12-17 years)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	Total number of organizations	Mission Friends (5 years and under)	Girls in Action (6-11 years)	Acteens (12-17 years)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	WMU officers	Total WMU ongoing enrolment
Antioch	Mrs. Robert Austin, Route 2, Taylorsville	1	1	1	1	1	5	7	12	11	14	29	7	80
Bethlehem	Mrs. Glenn Bolick, Route 5, Hickory	0	2	1	1	1	5	0	10	12	14	13	5	54
Grace	Mrs. Bobbie Smith, Route 11, Hickory	1	1	1	1	0	4	11	15	12	20	0	1	59
Hiddenite	Miss Marcella Hines, Hiddenite	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	16	0	0	32	1	49
Macedonia	Mrs. Lee Dagenhart, Route 1, Taylorsville	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	9	0	0	11	9	29
Mount Herman	Mrs. Pearl Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville	0	1	1	1	1	4	0	12	12	15	15	3	57
Mount Olive	Mrs. Theron Beaman, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Odell Reid, Route 2, Lenoir	0	1	2	0	1	4	0	8	13	0	26	6	58
Smyrna	Mrs. Virginia Frye, Route 1, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	18	4	22
Stony Point	Mrs. Barbara Starnes, Route 2, Hiddenite	1	1	0	1	1	4	4	10	0	14	12	5	45
Taylorsville, First	Miss Lucy Thompson, Taylorsville	2	2	1	1	3	9	5	20	6	18	62	13	124
Three Forks	Mrs. Kay White, Route 4, Taylorsville	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	3	19	2	24
TOTALS		5	10	8	7	16	46	37	112	66	95	246	56	610

Table F — BROTHERHOOD

CHURCHES	BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Crusaders (6-11 years)	Pioneers (12-17 years)	RA leader and committee	Baptist Young Men (18-29 years)	Baptist Men (30-59 years)	Baptist Senior Men (60 and over)	Other Baptist men groups	Brotherhood director and General Officers	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing Brotherhood enrolment
Antioch	Wayne R. Austin, Route 2, Taylorsville	7	9	4	0	18	0	0	0	0	38
Bethlehem		7	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Grace	Jessie Diamond, Route 5, Hickory	12	11	1	0	20	0	0	1	0	45
Smyrna	Gary Williams, Route 2. Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	1	0	18
Stony Point	Dawson Beckham, Stony Point	14	20	2	0	14	0	0	1	0	51
Taylorsville, First	Mr. Glenn Wilson, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		40	50	9	0	69	0	0	3	0	171

Table G — TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts	All other receipts	Total receipts	Money borrowed during the year	Church staff salaries	Money paid out on new construction during the year	Debt retirement during the year	Church literature	All other local expenditures	Total local expenditures
Antioch	C. A. Caldwell, Route 2, Box 311, Taylorsville	73,002	871	73,873	0	13,849	0	0	4,406	29,274	47,529
Bethlehem	Mrs. David Ward, Route 5, Hickory	73,816	183	74,999	5,000	19,140	0	18,002	2,500	36,928	76,570
Beulah	Mrs. Nancy Deal, 106 Winter Haven, Taylorsville	20,577	503	21,080	0	7.248	0	8,400	294	3,380	19,322
Calvary	Dwight Warren, 161 Airport Rd., Taylorsville	60,547	2,938	63,485	0	10,300	0	0	578	24,803	35,681
Grace	Patsy Daniels, Route 1, Taylorsville	24,203	0	24,203	0	3,400	48,169	2,472	282	2,332	56,655
Hiddenite	Bill Goble, Route 2, Hiddenite	31,562	750	32,312	0	9,400	0	0	1,250	8,533	19,193
Lebanon	Mrs. Ralph Watts, Route 4, Taylorsville	17,555	0	17,555	6,000	7,210	14,935	900	144	5,159	28,349
Liledoun	Mrs. Max Gant, 370 Boston, Taylorsville	57,423	0	57,423	0	7,126	0	0	821	43,335	51,282
Linney's Grove	Bobby Millsaps, Route 1, Hiddenite	24,271	0	24,271	0	5,985	9,665	0	250	4,336	20,236
Little River	Mrs. Joe McDuffie, Route 4, Taylorsville	29,721	0	29,721	8,000	8,750	3,908	6,000	642	14,091	33,391
Macedonia	Conrad Fox, Route 3, Taylorsville	30,187	0	30,187	0	4,990	0	0	516	6,435	11,941
Millersville	Mrs. Christine Fox, Route 3, Taylorsville	27,785	0	27,785	0	11,015	34,332	1,480	216	5,410	52,453
Mount Herman	Willard Meadlock, Route 2, Taylorsville	41,890	1,834	43,724	0	9,480	0	0	895	12,216	22,591
Mount Olive	Mrs. Theron Beaman, Taylorsville	18,467	332	18,799	0	6,345	0	0	470	3,048	9,864
Mountain Ridge	Mrs. Barbara Tester, Rt. 2, Taylorsville	10,275	0	10,275	0	5.851	1,034	0	188	1,338	8,411
Oxford Memorial	Dale Reid, Route 2, Taylorsville	39,237	434	39,671	0	8,639	9,588	2,676	958	11,755	33,616
Pilgrim	Mrs. Sandra Gwaltney, Route 6, Taylorsville	15,362	0	15,362	0	6.675	0	0	461	2,371	9,501
Pleasant Hill	Vaughn Kerley, Moravian Falls	22,908	0	22,908	0	7,200	3,120	0	335	4,677	15,333
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Nell Dagenhart, Box 671, Taylorsville	35,396	1,305	36,701	0	17,666	11,860	0	685	18,657	48,868
Smyrna	Mrs. Susie Barkley, Route 3, Taylorsville	35,110	0	35,110	0	11,215	3,470	11,213	1,157	6,895	33,950
Stony Point	Blake Rogers, Stony Point	75,466	16,644	92,110	42,157	19,366	73,318	15,792	3,858	19,333	131,667
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. Jane Hefner, Taylorsville	77,130	177	77,307	0	23,389	4,352	9,790	1,617	19,090	58,238
Taylorsville, First	Marty Jarvis, Taylorsville	101,435	340	101,775	0	26,202	0	22,184	3,380	33,496	85,264
Three Forks	Mrs. Mildred Chapman, Route 4, Taylorsville	59,630	0	59,630	0	11,660	0	0	2,371	12,825	26,856
TOTALS		1,002,955	26,311	1,030,246	61,157	262,101	217,751	98,909	28,274	329,717	936,761

Table H — MISSION EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES	Church Sponsored Missions: Money paid out on new construction during the year	Church Sponsored Missions: All other church sponsored mission expenditures	Church Sponsored Missions: Total church sponsored mission expenditures	Cooperative Program	OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES: Associational missions program	Designated: State missions	Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong Easter offering)	Designated: SBC Foreign Missions (incl. Lottie Moon Christmas offering)	Designated: Christian education (schools, etc.)	Designated: Children's homes (cash plus goods)	Designated: Hospitals	Designated: Homes for the aged	Designated: All other	Total mission cause expenditures	Grand Total Mission expenditures
Antioch	Mrs. Blayne Hollar, Route 2, Taylorsville	0	0	0	15,548	1132	120	920	2,975	27	158	114	70	283	5,799	21,347
Bethlehem	Mrs. Joy Bentley, Route 1, Taylorsville	0	0	0	13,156	1579	6	886	2,942	0	190	120	64	105	5,891	19,047
Beulah	Mrs. Polly Miller, 218 6th St. S.E., Taylorsville	0	0	0	415	52	0	34	167	0	240	34	0	35	562	977
Calvary	Mrs. Rachel Stevenson, P.O.B. 266, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	100	100	0	9,487	9,787	9,787
Grace	Mrs. Ilease Elmore, Route 6, Taylorsville	0	0	0	904	355	0	5	236	0	0	0	17	0	613	1,517
Hiddenite	Bill Goble, Route 2, Hiddenite	0	0	0	3,254	300	131	313	1,150	62	770	84	90	39	2,939	6,193
Lebanon	Mrs. James H. Watts, Route 4, Taylorsville	0	0	0	1,774	100	285	219	824	0	169	160	133	972	2,863	4,637
Liledoun	Odell M. Fox, Route 6, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	100	0	1,780	7,539	0	4,318	3,870	0	3,870	21,477	21,477
Linney's Grove	Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, Route 1, Hiddenite	0	1779	1779	0	48	0	0	240	0	125	0	0	0	413	2,192
Little River	Joe McDuffie, Route 4, Taylorsville	0	0	0	2,177	25	0	0	193	0	73	71	47	0	409	2,587
Macedonia	Mrs. Kermit Patterson, Route 1, Stony Point	0	0	0	850	225	115	0	1,208	130	198	126	125	241	2,368	3,218
Millersville	Miss Muriel Stafford, Route 3, Taylorsville	0	0	0	131	110	0	7,710	200	0	92	76	76	0	2,264	2,395
Mount Herman	Mrs. Florrie Kerley, Route 4, Taylorsville	0	0	0	1,287	225	500	625	2,207	200	867	0	618	512	5,754	7,041
Mount Olive	Mrs. Russell Deal, Route 4, Taylorsville	0	0	0	222	100	100	200	275	0	200	225	125	770	1,995	2,216
Mountain Ridge	Mrs. Linda Hatton, Route 2, Taylorsville	0	250	250	279	150	97	60	133	60	79	75	60	0	714	1,243
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Inez Haney, Route 2, Lenoir	0	0	0	2.536	507	109	292	434	0	99	56	8	0	1,505	4,041
Pilgrim	D. C. Johnson, Route 2, Statesville	0	0	0	0	160	56	0	1,229	0	465	355	100	99	2,464	2,464
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Verna Jolly, Route 5, Taylorsville	0	0	0	50	200	68	80	1,068	0	301	186	184	0	2,104	2,154
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Nell Dagenhart, Box 671, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	175	0	0	800	0	1,350	1,200	586	4,750	8,861	8,861
Smyrna	Mrs. Juanita Stafford, Route 6, Taylorsville	0	0	0	3,129	312	110	322	600	119	545	345	451	366	3,180	6,309
Stony Point	Mrs. Doris Jolly, P.O.B. 152, Stony Point	0	0	0	3,000	550	526	179	3,325	0	75	25	16	0	4,696	7,696
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. Meliada Chapman, Route 2, Hickory	0	0	0	1,000	400	200	200	1,000	200	200	925	200	870	4,195	5,195
Taylorsville, First	Miss Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville	0	0	0	8,942	1600	400	657	3,257	116	169	448	130	67	6,245	15,187
Three Forks	Mrs. Elline Lackey, Route 4, Taylorsville	2000	0	2000	1,500	100	2000	4,573	3,852	1000	2,061	1,813	1800	1,272	18,371	21,871
TOTALS		2000	2029	4029	60,154	8005	4883	13,055	35,854	1914	12,844	10,408	4900	23,738	115,469	179,652

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Dedication of Minutes

We the people dedicate these minutes of the Eighty-Eighth Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association to

MRS. FLORRIE KERLEY,

our Association Clerk for the past five years.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE: We, the messengers of Missionary Baptist Churches in the County of Alexander, State of North Carolina, do hereby propose to establish and maintain the order and rules of a district Baptist Association in conformity to the following plan:

Article I. NAME

The name of the body shall be the Alexander Baptist Association.

Article II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's Kingdom and for the promoting of unity and growth among the churches related to the Association. To this end the Association will cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and their agencies in the work of Missions, Christian Education, and Social Service.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The Alexander Association shall be composed of the pastor and three messengers from each Missionary Baptist Church that voluntarily cooperates as the Alexander Baptist Association, the general officers of the Association, chairmen of standing committees, and the pastor and messengers from any church that may hereafter be recognized as a *cooperating* church by the Association.

Section 2: A *cooperating* church shall be defined as follows:

a. One that shares the missionary spirit of the Association,

b. Elects and sends messengers to the annual meeting,

c. Contributes financially to the work of the Association each year, and

d. Provides an annual report to the Association upon the forms provided by the Associational Clerk.

Section 3: Any church may sever its working relationships with the Association at any time it chooses. Likewise, the Association may refuse to continue recognition of a church as a cooperating church when for two consecutive years without sufficient reason that church does not meet the stipulations stated in Section 2, or when for any other reason, approved by the Association in annual session, a church is considered by intent and action to be a liability to the fellowship and work of the Association.

Section 4: Churches desiring to relate themselves to the Association in its work and fellowship may do so by adhering to the following procedure:

a. Make application to the Associational Fellowship Committee for recognition as a *cooperating* Baptist church, such application to be made at least three months before the annual meeting of the Association.

b. Furnish the Fellowship Committee the information required in the annual letter of churches to the Association, plus such other information as the Committee may request for properly evaluating the application.

c. Upon recommendation by the Fellowship Committee and approval by the Association in annual session a church may come under the watch care of the Association for a period of one year. At the end of one year of watch care relationship and upon recommendation of the Fellowship Committee and approval by the Association, a church may be recognized as a cooperating church eligible to all privileges and responsibilities of a church cooperating in the work of the Alexander Association.

d. During the period of watch-care relationship a church shall meet the stipulations of Section 2 above.

e. In the case of new churches which anticipate a working relationship with the Association, duly elected representatives of the proposed church shall consult with the Moderator and Fellowship Committee of the Association relative to the need for another church, its location, and its proposed ministry. Upon the recommendation of of the Fellowship Committee the Executive Committee shall authorize such other assistance as is requested by the church or deemed necessary by the Executive Committee in developing a cooperating Missionary Baptist Church.

Article IV. MEETINGS

Section 1: The Association shall meet annually on Wednesday after the third Sunday of October and continue for two days sessions or longer, as seems wise to the Committee on Order of Business—subject to the approval of the Association in session. The place of meeting shall be determined at the previous session.

Section 2: The associational year shall begin on October 1 and continue through September 30.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall act for the Association between annual sessions. It shall meet quarterly and at any other time necessary to expedite associational business.

Article V. OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Alexander Association shall be the Associational Missionary—when there is one, Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Parliamentarian, Director of Training, and Three Trustees. These officers, except the Associational Missionary, shall be elected each year by the Association at its annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The Associational Missionary shall be called for an indefinite term of service, and may be called by the Association in annual session, or if necessary, by the Associational Executive Committee.

Section 2: Vacancies occurring in any office between sessions of the Association may be filled by the Executive Committee.

Article VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: It shall be the duty of the Associational Missionary to promote the whole missionary, educational, and social service program of the Association. He may serve as adviser to the officers, churches, committees, and departments of work of the Association. He shall work under the direction of and be subject to the authority of the Associational Missions Committee which shall in turn be subject to the Executive Committee. He shall exercise administrative supervision of all work assigned him by the Association, the Associational Executive Committee, or the Associational Missions Committee.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings of the body punctually at the appointed time, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall appoint in advance or at the opening session all necessary committees. Also, he shall serve as the presiding officer of the Executive Committee of the Association. His term of office shall be one year. He may not succeed himself after two consecutive terms of office.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence, and perform any other function delegated to him by the Moderator, the Association, or the Executive Committee.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep accurate and detailed records of the proceedings of the Association and superintend the printing and distributing of the same. He shall also keep accurate files of the printed minutes and have them bound at the order of the Association and delivered to the Associational office. The Clerk shall serve as Chairman of the Committee on Digest of Church Letters. He shall also keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Associational Executive Committee and serve as its official correspondent. He shall also serve as chairman of the Committee on Dedication of the Minutes.

Section 5: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by it and make a quarterly statement of the same.

Section 6: It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a historical sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and to record other facts of present and past history.

Section 7: It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to advise the Moderator upon points of order whenever necessary.

Section 8: It shall be the duty of the Trustees to serve as the legal officers of the Association, have responsibility for the maintenance of all property, and perform such other functions as may be delegated to them by the Association or the Executive Committee. Their term of office shall be for three years, with one member being elected each year.

Section 9: It shall be the duty of the Director of Training to consult with the Associational Calendar Committee in planning, promoting, and executing the Central Training School, and/or other such studies as the Executive Committee or Association shall authorize.

Section 10: It shall be the duty of the Director of Youth to correlate all youth activities of the Association, working with the Sunday School, Training Union, W.M.U. and Brotherhood.

Article VII. ORGANIZATION AND FINANCE

Section 1: An associational program of teaching, training, missions, stewardship, evangelism, and vocational guidance shall be promoted through the following departments of work: Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and Music. These departments of work shall have officers corresponding to those utilized in the local church and in the convention program of work.

Section 2: The expenses of the Association shall be defrayed by voluntary contributions from the churches, which contributions shall be sent regularly to the Associational Treasurer for that purpose.

Article VIII. COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1: To facilitate the transaction of the business of the Association and to undergird and implement the work of the various departments, the Moderator shall at each annual session appoint an Associational Committee on Nominations to serve for the following year. The Committee on Nominations shall be responsible for recommending to the Association at its next annual session all committees needed for carrying on associational work. All committees shall have three members unless otherwise specified.

Section 2: Committees shall serve for one year unless otherwise specified and shall be as follows:

a. *Nominations:* It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate all committees and officers called for by the constitution except for the Associational Missionary and the committee on Nominations. The committee on nominations will select first the Superintendent of Sunday School, Training Union Director, Brotherhood Director, Woman's Missionary Union Director, and Music Director and then

these will serve with the committee on Nominations in selecting all the other officers for presentation to the association for election.

The Nominating Committee shall, after consulting with the Moderator and outgoing member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention from our Association, be responsible for submitting a recommendation for his replacement as is necessary or invited. The Committee shall explain to the nominee some of his duties and responsibilities.

b. *Time, Place, and Preacher:* It shall be the duty of this committee to select the place of the next annual meeting, fix the time and name the preacher and alternate to preach the annual sermon. The committee shall serve until its successor is elected at the next annual session. In case of absolute necessity, the committee shall have the power to make substitutions for the time, place, and preacher. Such changes, where necessary and when possible to do so, shall be discussed with the Associational Executive Committee.

c. *Resolutions:* It shall be the duty of this committee to draw up and present to the Association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiment on any matter chosen by the committee or referred to it by the Association. This committee shall serve during the annual session only.

d. *Order of Business:* It shall be the duty of this committee to report a suggested order of business early in the opening session of the annual meeting of the Association. When adopted, its report shall become the order of the Association and cannot be changed except by vote of the majority of the body.

The Committee on Order of Business shall give a report of its plans to the Executive Committee at least one quarter before the annual session.

The host pastors of churches entertaining the annual session of the Association shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.

e. *Missions:* It shall be the duty of this committee to have general oversight of the work of the Associational Missionary; plan for, promote, and give guidance to the organization of new churches when and where practical; and provide information and make recommendations to the Association relative to missionary needs which might be met by cooperative effort. In event of a vacancy in the office of Associational Missionary, this committee will make recommendations to the Executive Committee as to a replacement.

f. *Fellowship:* It shall be the duty of this committee to consult with and make recommendations to the Association concerning any churches seeking to be affiliated with the work of the Association in accordance with the article on Membership.

g. *Evangelism:* It shall be the duty of this committee to devise ways and means of promoting evangelism in the churches of the Association.

h. *Finance:* It shall be the duty of this committee to plan and present to the Association a budget for the coming year. This committee shall also be responsible for promoting in the churches of the Association financial support for the Associational work.

i. *Music Education:* It shall be the duty of this committee to promote music in and through the churches, and to work with the committee on order of business in planning music for the annual meeting of the Association.

j. *Associational Calendar:* It shall be the duty of this committee to coordinate the activities of the Associational organizations and plan an associational calendar of activities. This committee shall be composed of the Associational Missionary, the Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Music Education Chairman, and Director of the Central Training School.

k. *Seminary Extension:* This committee shall be responsible for planning, promoting, and conducting Seminary Extension work among our churches.

l. *Dedication of Minutes:* This committee, with the Clerk of the Association as chairman, shall decide to whom the minutes shall be dedicated and shall be responsible for writing the dedication.

Article IX: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of all general officers of the Association listed in Article 5, the Sunday School Superintendent, Director of Training Union, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Chairman of Music Education, Chairman of all standing committees, the pastor of each church composing the Association, and one member from each church in the Association, which member shall be elected by the church he represents. Names of Executive Committee members from each church shall be sent by that church to the association in its annual letter.

Section 2: This committee shall meet quarterly and shall be presided over by the Moderator of the Association. The purpose of meeting shall always be to promote the interests of and carry forward the work of the Association and its member churches.

Section 3: In case of emergency, the Executive Committee may select a time and place and arrange for a special business session of the Association. Such a session shall be limited to the object for which it was convened. Membership of such a special business session shall be made up of messengers elected and accredited to the previous regular session.

Section 4: The Clerk shall make a report of Executive Committee proceedings to the Association in annual session. This report shall become a part of the Associational minutes.

Article X. RULES OF ORDER

Section 1: A majority of the enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. Every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

Section 3. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided by general parliamentary laws according to Roberts *Rules of Order.*

Article XI. CHANGE OR CHANGES

If and when a change in this constitution is desired or becomes necessary the proposed change or changes shall be presented to the constitution committee and then to the Executive Committee at least three months (one quarter) before the annual session, for study and consideration and then presented by the Constitution committee to the Association in annual session in October for the passage or rejection of proposed change or changes.

PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday, October 22, 1975

Theme: LET CHRIST'S FREEDOM RING

9:30 Worship
Hymns ..... Led by Darryl Reed
Devotion ..... Ervel Jones

9:40 Welcome by Host Pastor ..... Wade Miller
Organization
Constitution of the Session ..... Moderator
Roll Call of Churches ..... Clerk
Order of Business ..... Ronald Rowe
Recognition of Visitors and New Pastors ..... Moderator
Announcements ..... Moderator
Appoint of Committees ..... Moderator

10:00 Our Agencies at Work:
N. C. Home for Aging ..... Mrs. Renn Carringan
Address ..... Representative of N. C. Baptist Homes
N. C. Baptist Hospital ..... Wade Miller
Address ..... Representative of N. C. Baptist Hospital
Baptist Foundation ..... Stanley Frye
N. C. Baptist Children's Homes ..... William Nicholson
Address ..... Parker McLendon
N. C. Baptist Children's Homes

10:50 Stand for Silent Prayer
Baptist Annuity Board ..... Roy Rogers
Christian Education ..... Mrs. M. Childers
BIBLICAL RECORDER ..... R. M. Grant
Address ..... Representative of BIBLICAL RECORDER

11:10 Hymn ..... Darryl Reed
Our Association at Work:
Sunday School ..... Marshall E. Sargent
Vacation Bible School ..... James Hester
Brotherhhod ..... Roger Starnes
WMU ..... Miss Marcella Hines
Church Training ..... Mrs. Blayne Hollar
Evangelism ..... Ray Shumate
Associational Missions ..... W. W. Harrington
Nominating Committee Report ..... Roy Rogers

11:30 Stand for Silent Prayer
Report of Executive Committee ..... Clerk
Miscellaneous Business
Historian's Report ..... Miss Lucy Echerd

12:00 Scripture and Prayer ..... Arthur Jenkins
Annual Sermon ..... Grady Kerley

12:30 Adjourn for Lunch
Prayer and Thanks ..... Steve Dagenhart

MILLERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Thursday, October 23, 1975

Theme: LET CHRIST'S FREEDOM RING

9:30 Worship
Hymns ..... Led by Darryl Reed
Devotion ..... Raymond White
Welcome by Host Pastor ..... D. L. Bumgarner
Announcements ..... Moderator
Recognition of Visitors ..... Moderator

9:45 Our Missions at Work
Foreign Missions ..... Mrs. Stanley Frye
Home Missions ..... Mrs. Neil Starnes
State Missions ..... Mrs. Margaret Robinette
Cooperative Program ..... Blayne Hollar
Address on Christian Education ..... Thomas Corts
Wingate College

10:35 Hymn ..... Darryl Reed
Address on Missions ..... George Cowsert, Missionary

11:05 Stand for Silent Prayer
Memorial Service ..... Clerk
Historian's Report ..... Miss Lucy Echerd
Treasurer's Report ..... Miss Lucy Thompson
Adoption of Budget ..... Rayford Rogers
Report of Committees:
Time, Place, Preacher ..... Kenneth Kerley
Missions ..... Raymond White
Election of Officers
Resolutions Committee ..... Miss Lucy Echerd

11:45 Stand for Silent Prayer
Miscellaneous Business
12:00 Hymn ..... Darryl Reed
Inspirational Message ..... Leroy Clack
12:30 Adjourn for Lunch
Prayer and Thanks ..... James L. Hefner

RECOMMENDATIONS OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 1975 - 1976

GENERAL OFFICERS

General Board Representative ..... Kenneth Lambert
Moderator ..... Ronald Rowe
Vice Moderator ..... Marshall E. Sargent
Clerk ..... Mrs. Mildred Chapman
Treasurer ..... Mrs. Marshall Sargent
Historian ..... Miss Lucy Echerd
Parliamentarian ..... William Robert White
Director of Training ..... Miss Emilyn Wagner
Sunday School Director ..... Gary W. Jennings
WMU Director ..... Miss Marcella Hines
Music Director ..... Darryl Reed
Brotherhood Director ..... Roger Starnes
Church Training Director ..... Mrs. Blayne Hollar

TRUSTEES

1976	*1977*	*1978*
Eugene Johnson	Maynard Hefner	Neil Starnes

STANDING COMMITTEES

Nominating

Roy Rogers, *Chm.*	Mrs. A. D. Lindsey	Walter W. Harrington

Missions

Robert Boggs, *Chm.*	Kenneth Lambert	Arthur Jenkins
Ronald Rowe	Stanley Frye	Marshall Sargent

Finance

Rayford Rogers, *Chm.*	Gerald Goble	Mrs. Theron Beaman

Evangelism

Ray Shumate, *Chm.*	Ray Tester	Grady Kerley

Time, Place, and Preacher

Kenneth Kerley, *Chm.*	Mrs. Pattie Broyhill	Joe Elmore

Constitution

Gary Lail, *Chm.*	A. D. Lindsey	Mrs. Earl Teague

Order of Business

Leroy Clack, *Chm.*	Miss Emilyn Wagner	Mrs. Marie Houpe

Seminary Extension

Raymond White, *Chm.*	Ervel Jones	Mrs. Jimmy Chapman

Fellowship

A. D. Lindsey, *Chm.* Devon Dyson Walter W. Harrington

Resolutions

Miss Lucy Echerd, *Chm.* D. L. Bumgarner Coy Walker

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES

N. C. Baptist Children's Homes ..... William Nicholson
N. C. Baptist Hospital ..... Wade Miller
N. C. Baptist Homes for Aging ..... Lander Heafner
Associational Missions ..... Walter W. Harrington
State Missions ..... Mrs. Margaret Robinette
Foreign Missions ..... Mrs. Stanley Frye
Home Missions ..... Steve Dagenhart
Cooperative Program ..... Blayne Hollar
Baptist Foundation ..... Stanley Frye
Biblical Recorder ..... R. M. Grant
Christian Education ..... Mrs. Marvin Childers
Annuity Board ..... Andrew P. Benfield, Jr.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Director ..... Gary W. Jennings
Vacation Bible School Director ..... James Hester
Secretary ..... Mrs. Marshall Sargent

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

WMU Director ..... Miss Marcella Hines
WMU Assistant Director ..... Miss Lucy Thompson
Baptist Women Director ..... Miss Emilyn Wagner
Baptist Young Women Director .....
Girls in Action Director .....
Acteens Director .....
Mission Friends Director ..... Miss Lucy Echerd
Secretary and Treasurer .....

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Rogers, *Chairman*
Mrs. A. D. Lindsey
Walter W. Harrington

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATION

ANTIOCH—Glenn Montgomery, Mrs. Glenn Montgomery, Mrs. Carris Austin
BETHLEHEM—Mr. Darryl Reed, Rev. Kenneth Lambert
BEULAH—Rev. Steve Dagenhart
GRACE—Jesse Melton, Alice Wrenn, Esther Griffin
CALVARY—Rev. Henkle Little
HIDDENITE—Mrs. Marvin Childers, Virginia Gwaltney, Mrs. Marie Houpe
LEBANON—Rev. J. D. Whisnant, Rev. Joe Elmore, Mrs. J. D. Whisnant, Mrs. Joe Elmore
LILEDOUN—James Lackey, Tom Keever, Vance Stafford

LINNEY'S GROVE—Poris Bowles, Mrs. Poris Bowles, Burgess Millsaps, Mrs. Burgess Millsaps
LITTLE RIVER—Roy Rogers, Marie Chapman, Pauline Orren
MACEDONIA—Ray Jones, Bill Kerr, Mrs. Lois Icenhour
MILLERSVILLE—Mrs. Ethel Fox, Mrs. Margie Fox
MOUNTAIN RIDGE—Jannie Keller, Rev. Ray Tester, Linda Stikeleather
MT. HERMAN—Mrs. Thelma Deal, Mrs. Dico Kerley, Mrs. Marie Kerley
MT. OLIVE—Marie Childers, Dorene Lowe, Pauline Fortner
OXFORD MEMORIAL—Retha Hefner, Effie Caldwell, Odell Reid
PILGRIM—Mr. L. C. Millsaps, Mr. D. C. Johnson, Mrs. Comer Bowles
PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Verna Jolly, Mrs. Polly Hefner, Mrs. Henery Burke
POPLAR SPRINGS—Nelle Dagenhart, Edna Walker, Reba Dyson
SMYRNA—Mrs. McRee Bowman, Mr. Ray Crouch, Mr. Gene Barkley
STONY POINT—Clarence Combs, Nell Rogers, Lois Lindsey, Doris H. Jolly
TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Mr. J. P. Sweet, Mrs. J. P. Sweet, Mrs. Electa Mae Mecimore
TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—Miss Lucy Echerd, Mrs. Butler Chapman, Walter Harrington
THREE FORKS—Rev. Leroy Clack, Roy Rogers, Lavern Clack.

PROCEEDINGS
EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

Wednesday, October 22, 1975

1. The Eighty-Eighth Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association convened on October 22, 1975, at 9:30 o'clock at the Pilgrim Baptist Church with Ronald Rowe, vice-moderator, presiding.
2. Walter Harrington led the congregation in singing "My Faith Looks Up To Thee."
3. Ervel Jones led the morning devotions with Scripture from I Corinthians and prayer.
4. Wade Miller, Host Pastor, welcomed the session to Pilgrim.
5. Ronald Rowe called the session to order.
6. The Clerk called the roll with all twenty-four churches represented.
7. The order of Business was adopted.
8. New pastors were recognized.
9. Nominating Committee was appointed by the moderator as follows: Roy Rogers, Chairman, Mrs. A. D. Lindsey and Walter Harrington.
10. Ronald Rowe called attention to our agencies at work. Each representative moved the adoption of his or her report as listed in Book of Reports. These were seconded, voted on and approved.
11. Nain Starnes, representative from the N. C. Baptist Homes, spoke to the session and told of the new home being built in Asheville.
12. Parker McLendon, representative for the N. C. Baptist Children's Homes, spoke of the work with children.
13. The congregation stood for silent prayer.
14. Lowell Spivey spoke for the BIBLICAL RECORDER.
15. Darryl Reed led the congregation in singing "Living For Jesus."
16. Ronald Rowe called attention to our Association at work. The directors of the organizations moved the adoption of his or her report as listed in the Book of Reports. These were seconded, voted on and approved.

17. Roy Rogers moved the adoption of the Nominating Committee report. Grady Kerley seconded, voted on and approved.
18. The Executive Committee report was adopted, voted on and approved.
19. Miss Lucy Echerd gave the Historian report.
20. Darryl Reed led the congregation in singing "Jesus Paid It All."
21. Arthur Jenkins read some Scripture from Romans 8 and led in prayer.
22. Grady Kerley brought the message of the hour. His sermon was entitled, "Our Walk." His Scripture reading was Genesis 5.21.
23. Steve Dagenhart led in prayer of thanks for the noon meal.

Thursday, October 23, 1975

24. The session called to order by Robert Boggs, moderator.
25. Darryl Reed led the congregation in singing "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus."
26. Raymond White lead the morning devotion, reading some selected verses of Scripture and using the thought "Let Christ's Freedom Ring."
27. D. L. Bumgarner welcomed the session to Millersville Baptist Church.
28. Robert Boggs called attention to our Missions at work. The reports on missions as listed in the Book of Reports were adopted and approved.
29. Darryl Reed led the congregation in singing "O God, We Pray for All Mankind."
30. Walter Harrington introduced Dr. Thomas Corts, President of Wingate College, who spoke on Christian Education.
31. Darryl Reed led the congregation in singing "Bring Them In."
32. Ronald Rowe introduced George Cowsert, a missionary from Brazil, who spoke on missions.
33. The congregation stood for silent prayer.
34. The Clerk led in a memorial service for our deceased members.
35. Miss Lucy Echerd gave the history of Millersville Baptist Church.
36. Lucy Thompson called attention to the treasurer's report as listsed and moved the adoption thereof. Voted on and carried.
37. Rayford Rogers moved the adoption of the Finance Report. Gary Jennings seconded.
    Ray Shumate made an ammendment to the motion that the budget be increased $2,500 for Evangelism and that the money will be raised as it was last year by asking the churches to give $1.00 per resident member or to take a love offering and if this amount was not raised by the churches, then the Association would pay the balance. Gary Jennings seconded motion. Kenneth Lambert made an ammendment to the motion that the budget be raised $400 for music. Raymond White seconded motion. The proposed budget was adopted as ammended.
38. Gary Jennings moved the adoption of the Time, Place and Preacher Committee (listed elsewhere). This was approved.
39. Raymond White gave Missions Committee report and moved its adoption. This was sesconded and vote carried.
40. Miss Lucy Echerd gave Resolutionss Committee report and moved its adoption. Grady Kerley seconded, vote carried.
41. Mrs. Ruby Greenlang spoke for the Baptist Hospital.
42. New officers were recognized.
43. Raymond White made motion that the Associational minutes be dedicated to Florrie Kerley. Motion was seconded and vote carried.

44. Jim Lambert challenged the Association to go forward with the work.
45. Darryl Reed led the congregation in singing "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee."
46. Ronald Rowe expressed appreciation to Mr. Boggs for serving as moderator for the past two years.
47. Darryl Reed sang a solo, "To God Be The Glory."
48. Leroy Clack brought the inspirational message from I Timothy 6:12-16 and his message title was, "In The Service of the King."
49. Prayer of thanks for the noon meal was led by Ray Shumate.
50. And the Eighty-Eighth Annual Session came to a close.

Respectfully submitted,
Florrie Kerley, *Clerk*

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 1974 — September 30, 1975

RECEIPTS: Church	Amount
Antioch	$ 793.13
Bethlehem	1,237.83
Beulah	66.31
Calvary	100.00
Grace	576.28
Hiddenite	401.00
Lebanon	190.00
Liledoun	100.00
Linney's Grove	206.65
Little River	125.00
Macedonia	525.00
Millersville	110.00
Mt. Herman	425.00
Mt. Olive	250.00
Mountain Ridge	175.00
Oxford Memorial	632.37
Pilgrim	213.80
Pleasant Hill	200.00
Poplar Springs	175.00
Smyrna	439.87
Stony Point	949.96
Taylorsville, East	966.70
Taylorsville, First	1,415.83
Three Forks	762.50
Interest, Taylorsville Savings & Loan	50.42
Other	398.05
Crusade Rally & Love Offering	3,533.49
TOTAL INCOME	$15,018.79

(Deposits include these special offerings:)

Mission Day, Oct. 1974	$ 800.75
Stalnecker Crusade Exp.	2,186.39

LUCY THOMPSON, *Treasurer*

DISBURSEMENTS: Description	Amount
W. W. Harrington (Salary, travel, convention expense, Christmas bonus)	$ 1,666.00
Mrs. Gloria Sargent (Salary)	770.14
(Federal Tax, Social Security, N. C. Income Tax withheld through 7/31/75)	68.64
Office Expense (Includes $225.30 for postage, mailing permit and box rent)	873.17
Utilities	435.70
Repairs, Maintenance	36.64
Equipment (Typewriter, Mineograph)	1,371.21
Associational Minutes	1,216.28
Miscellaneous	79.59
Fire Insurance	70.30
Vacation Bible School	132.65
Sunday School	
Church Training	
Evangelism: (Stalnecker Crusade Expenses)	2,341.61
Crusade Love Offering to Stalnecker Team	3,533.49
Music	
Brotherhood	
W.M.U.	
Central Training School	
Associational Mission Sunday, October 1974 (Includes 17 speakers, food, motel, travel, honorariums)	1,055.44
Seminary Extension	158.75
Youth	45.24
Taylorsville Savings & Loan Savings Account	1,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$14,854.85
BALANCE ON HAND OCTOBER 1, 1974	5,849.93
RECEIPTS	15,018.80
TOTAL	$20,868.73
DISBURSEMENTS	14,854.85
BANK BALANCE	6,013.88
IN TAYLORSVILLE SAVINGS & LOAN	1,000.00
BALANCE ON HAND SEPTEMBER 30, 1975	$ 7,013.88

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Salary and Travel Expense (Promotional Secretary)	$ 1,500.00
Office Secretary	1,800.00
Convention and Ridgecrest Expense	150.00
Office Expense	550.00
Postage and Box Rent	250.00
Utilities	500.00
Repairs and Maintenance	200.00
Equipment	1,200.00
Associational Minutes	1,250.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
Fire Insurance	75.00
Vacation Bible School	125.00

Sunday School	175.00
Church Training	225.00
Evangelism	2,500.00
Missions Committee	3,000.00
Music	400.00
Brotherhood	100.00
WMU	175.00
Central Training School	350.00
Seminary Extension	300.00
Associational Speakers	100.00
Youth	250.00
Visual Aid	50.00
TOTAL BUDGET	$15,575.00

Respectfully submitted,
Rayford Rogers, *Chairman*
Gerald Goble
Mrs. Theron Beaman

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee is made up of the General Officers of our Association, Directors of all organizations, Chairmen of all standing committees, Pastors and Representatives from each church.

This committee meets once a quarter and is to be presided over by the moderator. The purpose of this committee is to promote the interest of and carry forward the work of the Association and its member churches.

Since our last annual meeting, we have met five times, three times in regular session and two in special called sessions.

Some of the most important things discussed and voted upon were:

1. Ronald Rowe, Marshall Sargent and James Hester were appointed to serve on the Missions Committee.
2. Kenneth Lambert was appointed to serve as the General Board Representative.
3. Mrs. Marshall Sargent was employed to do secretarial work in the office.

The records of these meetings are on file at the Associational office.

We urge all churches to send a representative to these meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Florrie Kerley, *Clerk*

MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Much progress was made last year in our Association. In May, Mrs. Marshall Sargent was employed as part-time Associational secretary. A new electric typewriter, mimeograph machine, addressograph and other necessary office equipment was purchased. The Missions Committee authorized a different type of newsletter to be mailed to each church. The quality of work has been improved 100%. On September 20, 1975, the Missions Committee recommended the following steps for the coming year:

1. The moderator to apply for aid from the State Baptist Convention.
2. A calendar of activities for our Associational work.
3. One week training for all leaders in the form of a retreat.

4. The Executive Committee provide two week's training for the Associational Secretary.
5. All Associational leaders, i.e., Sunday School, Church Training, WMU, Brotherhood, Seminary Extension seek for one qualified person to lead their conference during the year. Each person will work for the days necessary in our office and have the option to call in other workers as demanded by the nature of the task. Our secretary will handle the promotional structure.
6. That we continue our plans for a media center. To purchase one 16mm projector and screen 8' x 10' (Bell & Howell). That we purchase one overhead projector for our leadership use (Bell & Howell), to update our visual aid materials. To purchase a cassett tape recorder.
7. To encourage each church to update its Associational giving.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond White

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE REPORT

The eighty-ninth session of the Alexander Baptist Association will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 1976, with the Mt. Herman Baptist Church and on Thursday, October 21, 1976, with the Three Forks Baptist Church.

The annual message will be brought by Rev. Ray Shumate and alternate preacher will be Rev. Kenneth Lambert.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Kerley, *Chairman*
Gary W. Jennings
Mrs. Pattie Broyhill

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it hereby resolved:

That we thank our Heavenly Father for His goodness and mercy to bring us through another associational year.

That we are most grateful to the Pilgrim and Millersville congregations for their hospitality, their wonderful fellowship and the delicious food.

That we express our thanks to all those who planned and executed the program we have found interesting and inspirational.

We reaffirm our resolution adopted at the 78th annual session in opposition to the establishment of liquor stores and the sale of alcholic beverages. We continue to encourage Christians to do all in their power to abolish the evils of liquor and drugs. Be it further resolved that we urge merchants to examine their literature and keep it Christian.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Echerd

BAPTIST FOUNDATION

As revealed through a Sunday School lesson during the past year, a good foundation of discipline and training in Spiritual matters is necessary for a young life to develop in a way to withstand the pressures of life during periods of stress and strain. It is almost trite to refer to the need of a good base or foundation for any activity or project contemplated in this life. Not in any way is there a difference for a need of the Foundation, as thought of

in terms of the Baptist Foundation, when we consider the future potentialities and needs to sustain and expand mission efforts and services to bring mankind into the influence of the saving grace of God's son, Jesus Christ.

Chartered in 1919 by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., has sought to assist individuals throughout the state in their estate planning, providing ways to support Baptist institutions and mission work on a permanent basis. Property and funds placed with the Baptist Foundation are invested by a convention elected board of directors with the income paid annually to the institution or mission cause designated by the donor.

Individual assistance is provided Baptists throughout the state in the establishment of trusts that not only benefit the donor but also support the Christian ministries of our denomination in a lasting, perpetual way.

During the past two years, $330,070.41 has been given to the N. C. Baptist Foundation, Inc., in the way of annuity trusts. In this type trust, the donors reserve the right to the income from the investments for their lifetime and then the income will be paid to the Baptist cause specified in the original trust agreement. The laws of our land provide to the donor certain tax advantages for the gift portion of these transactions.

Wills still account for a major portion of the funds held in trust by the Foundation. One such gift to benefit mission work from this year forward, came in the form of a farm and other assets given by the deceased. It was determined by the tax records found in this estate, that this person will give annually three times as much for missions through the income from this trust fund, as she was ever able to earn in total wages during any year of her lifetime. So what she could not do for our Lord's work here on earth in her lifetime, she does after her life here among us has ended.

New gifts to be held in trust by the N. C. Baptist amounted to $635,-079.57 during 1974-75 fiscal year. Added to the market value of assets held from previous years brings the total value to $2,331,559.67 as of June 30, 1975. Income from all assets held by the Foundation which have been or will be distributed to designated beneficiaries in the near future amounted to $76,257.82 for the past twelve months.

For services offered by the Foundation to individuals or churches, please contact Mr. Edwin S. Coates, Executive Secretary, N. C. Baptist Foundation, Inc., P. O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N. C. 27611 (Telephone Number 919—833-1605). All inquiries and assistance are considered confidential and personal matters.

Respectfully submitted,
Stanley A. Frye

EVANGELISM

All churches will receive Proclamation '76 Planning Calendar booklets for 1975-76 and other revival materials. Each association is encouraged to plan a Simultaneous Revival among the churches during the spring (March or April) of 1976. If a Simultaneous Revival is not held, every Baptist church is urged to plan a dynamic revival effort in the spring of 1976.

The continuing response of youth and adults to Lay Evangelism Schools has been significant. In the past 3½ years, 12,774 youth and adults have shared in this lay witness training from 1,007 churches and 55 associations.

Also, 107 pastors from nine other associations have participated in Pastor's Retreats dealing with Lay Evangelism Schools Five other associations have planned Lay Evangelism Schools during the fall of 1975.

"BE RECONCILED TO GOD AND MAN" was the theme of the 29th Statewide Evangelism Conference at War Memorial Auditorium, Greensboro, February 3-5, 1975. Over 2,400 pastors and lay persons heard excellent speakers emphasize various phases of evangelism.

Youth Ministries Week was held at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly during June 9-13 for 520 youth and adults with the emphasis on evangelism, vocational guidance, and recreation.

About 14,000 youth, pastors, and adult leaders attended the Fifth Statewide Youth Evangelism Night—August 15—at the Greensboro Coliseum. Dr. Bill Self, Atlanta, Georgia, was the guest speaker, and Bill and Linda Cates were the guest musicians. Christian youth continue to share a strong witness for Jesus Christ across our state.

The Division of Evangelism is cooperating with the Brotherhood Department in Lay Renewal Weekends and Renewal Evangelism.

Let us rejoice in the leadership of the Holy Spirit in wonderful revival meetings, city-wide crusades, and evangelism clinics during the past year.

The 30th Statewide Evangelism Conference will be at the Civic Center Auditorium, Asheville, during Februray 2-4, 1976.

On the local level, the most significant evangelistic effort was the area-wide crusade with The Stalneckers Contemporary Evangelism Team. Ed and Bette, along with the rest of the team, did a wonderful job.

The 138 decisions for salvation, the 53 rededications and 2 reassurances were just a part of what really happened. All our churches were affected and many others outside our Baptist Association. At least five counties around us realized the moving of His Holy Spirit as we were warmed by His presence.

Thank God for such an experience. Remember to pray daily for the work of evangelism in all the churches of our state, nation, and world.

Respectfully submitted,
C. R. Shumate

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible Schools in our Association were very successful. At the time of this report, fifteen churches had sent in their reports. I'm sure more churches had Vacation Bible School. Of the reports that were filed, we had three schools to reach Advanced Achievement Level, and seven reached Merit Achievement Level. I believe that some of this success is due to the fact that we had an Associational Vocation Bible School Clinic.

This year we had eight persons, five from the Alexander Association and three from the Rocky Face Association, to attend the state sponsored Vacation Bible School Clinic at Wingate College. We planned and held our Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic March 17, 1975, at the First Baptist Church, Taylorsville. The clinic was from 7:00 P.M. until 9:45 P.M. and 160 people attended. Fourteen churches from the Alexander Association and seven churches from the Rocky Face Association were represented.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Hester

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Baptist colleges in North Carolina see themselves as active participants in the Christian mission to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all people everywhere. In addition to the important role of preparing future lay leaders for local churches, the colleges continue a strong emphasis upon ministerial and church-related vocational training.

In April of 1975, our seven colleges reported a total of 715 persons who were preparing for careers in church leadership. Most of these persons will complete their preparation by attending a seminary. Southern Baptist seminaries listed an enrollment of 303 graduates of North Carolina Baptist colleges in the spring of 1975. The Foreign Mission Board has under appointment 152 of our graduates at present, more than 6% of the total number of current missionary personnel. In addition, a significant number of Baptist college trained persons serve in strategic posts with the Home Mission Board, Baptist state conventions and associational missions throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Baptist college students receive excellent experience and training for church and missionary service through Baptist Youth Corps. Approximately 100 Baptist college students were assigned to churches for the summer of 1975. The colleges furnish one-half of the Youth Corps worker's salary, and thus enjoy a vital partnership with churches and students in summer mission work.

With the exception of what students pay, the Cooperative Program continues to be the largest single source of annual income for our colleges. In these days of financial uncertainty, the colleges are grateful for the level of support which North Carolina Baptists have maintained. During 1975, the anticipated Cooperative Program budget for the colleges will provide: Campbell College, $416,066; Chowan College, $263,333; Gardner-Webb College, $329,166; Mars Hill College, $360,776; Meredith College, $360,776; Wake Forest University, $639,900; and Wingate College, $263,333.

It is accurate to say that the ministry of North Carolina Baptist colleges, as we know it today, is the direct result of Cooperative Program support.

Another way the churches help to relieve the colleges' financial burden is through the annual offering on Father's Day. Designated for student aid, this offering gives much-needed assistance to many students from Baptist churches, making an education on a Christian college campus possible.

Pastors and other church leaders can assist their young people and our colleges by encouraging attendance at a Baptist college. Information is available in brochure form, free of charge, from the Council on Christian Higher Education of the Baptist State Convention in Raleigh Each of the colleges pledges to North Carolina Baptist young people that no qualified student will be turned away for purely financial reasons. Through grants, loans and work scholarships, an education is available for anyone who seriously seeks it.

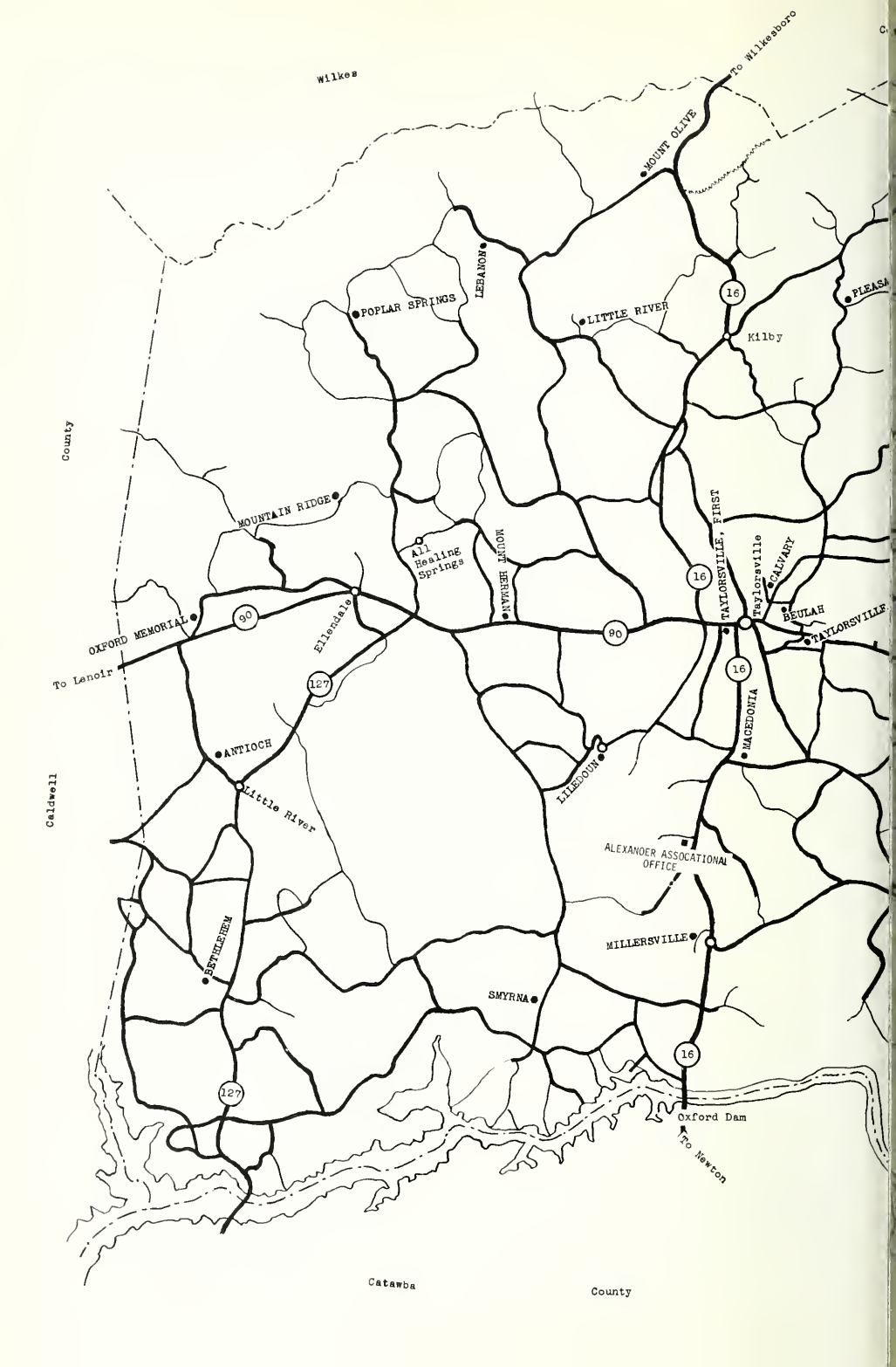
North Carolina Baptist colleges are committed to Christian values, and to an active partnership with their fellow-Baptists in evangelism, missions, education and social concern.

Your Baptist colleges sincerely solicit the supportive prayers of North Carolina Baptist churches, that we will be aware of and receptive to Divine guidance in performing the work which we have been given to do.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Marvin Childers

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1887	Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner	J. M. Hendren	W. E. White
1888	Antioch	J. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1889	Bethel	J. B. Poole	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1890	Concord	D. W. Poole	L. P. Gwaltney	T. A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W. J. Bumgarner	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J. M. Shaver	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D. W. Poole	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J. A. White	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L. P. Gwaltney	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J. J. Reach	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D. W. Poole	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R. L. Davis	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R. L. Davis	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O. A. Keller	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1905	Antioch	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1906	Bethel	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1908	Concord	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1909	Damascus	J. M. Shaver	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1910	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J. M. Shaver	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D. W. Poole	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E. V. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1918			J. W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B. F. Austin	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T. H. Williams	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T. E. Payne	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L. E. Barnes	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J. W. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1924	Concord	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J. M. McAlpine	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1927	Mt. Olive	J. H. Boggs	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C. C. Holland	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J. L. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S. I. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A. T. Howell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F. A. Pennell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1937	East Taylorsville	Lee James	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C. C. Holland	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod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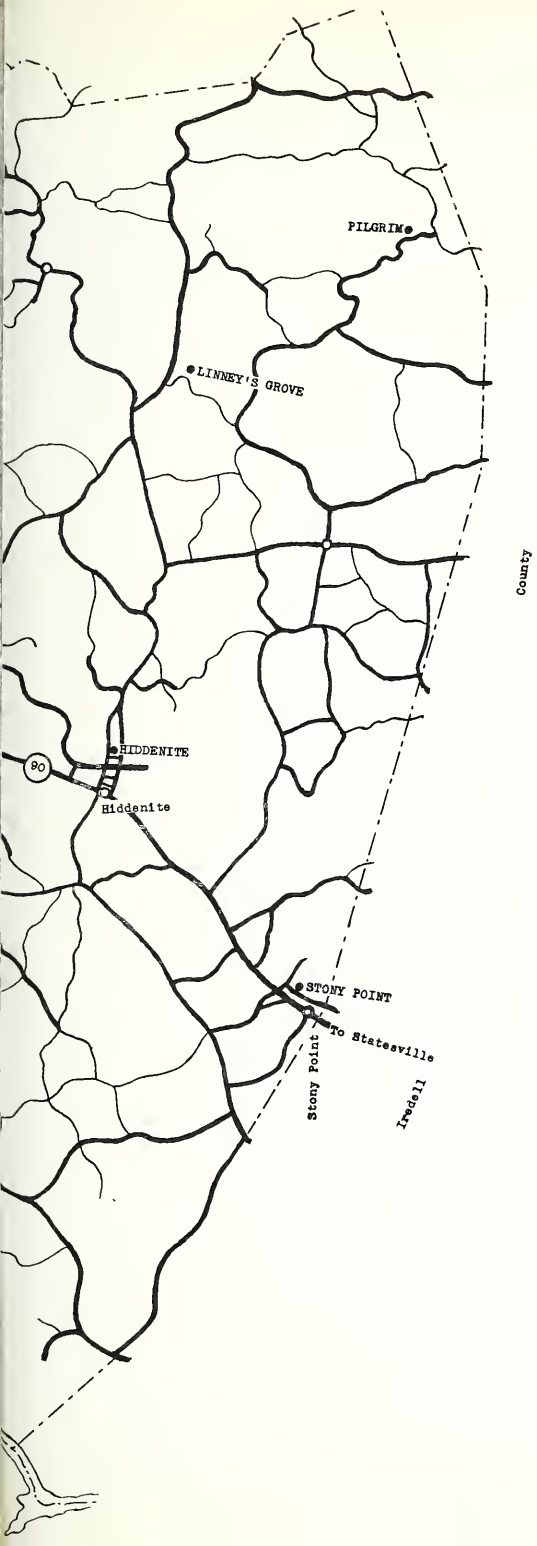

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CAPITAL LETTERS — Churches

Little Letters — Locations; towns, etc.

Black Dots — Church Houses

Encircled Figures — Highway Numbers

Broad Heavy Lines — Paved Roads

Light Narrow Lines — Dirt Roads

Broken Lines — County Boundries

Bridges are not shown.

The southern border is Catawba River.

The square on Highway 16 marks the office of the association.

The whole map involves only the area of County.

1940	Bethlehem	T. L. Blalock	A. E. Watts	G. L. Chatham
1941	Pilgrim	J. C. Gwaltney	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E. C. Shoe	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1944	First Taylorsville	H. L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus	E. C. Shoe	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Three Forks			
1947	East Taylorsville	A. E. Watts	A. C. Payne	H. L. Good
	Taylor Springs			
1948	Poplar Springs	A. B. Bumgarner	Homer L. Good	W. W. Harrington
	Bethel			
1949	Antioch	W. O. Johnson	E. V. Bumgarner	W. W. Harrington
	Hiddenite			
1950	Liledoun	J. A. Icenhour	A. B. Bumgarner	J. L. Wells
	Mt. Herman			
1951	Stony Point	J. L. Wells	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	East Taylorsville			
1952	First Taylorsville	J. R. Lail	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	Smyrna			
1953	Pleasant Hill	David C. Boaz	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Bethlehem			
1954	Pilgrim	Herman Johnson	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Little River			
1955	Linney's Grove	R. L. Dixon	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Hiddenite			
1956	Liledoun	H. L. Good	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1957	Macedonia	W. O. Warren	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	First Taylorsville			
1958	Antioch	Horace Moree	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1959	Beulah	I. V. Couch	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Stony Point			
1960	Poplar Springs	H. M. Cartner	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1961	Liledoun	Ralph Kerley	James Teague	W. O. Warren
	Little River			
1962	Pleasant Hill	Henkle Little	R. L. Dixon	W. O. Warren
	Hiddenite			
1963	Bethlehem	Robert Winecoff	R. L. Dixon	W. O. Warren
	Antioch			
1964	Smyrna	James Lockee	Horace Moree	W. O. Warren
	Millersville			
1965	Macedonia	Walter Howell	Horace Moree	W. O. Warren
	East Taylorsville			
1966	Stony Point	Arthur Jenkins	Marion Powell	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1967	Calvary	Oliver Price	Marion Powell	W. O. Warren
	Liledoun			
1968	First Church	Marion Powell	Oliver Price	W. O. Warren
	Mount Olive			
1969	Antioch	Devon Dyson	Oliver Price	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1970	Poplar Springs	Marvin Willis	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Hiddenite			
1971	Bethlehem	Raymond White	Henry C. Cook	Florrie Kerley
	Mountain Ridge			
1972	Oxford Memorial	Horace Moree	A. D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Pleasant Hill			
1973	Little River	Marshall Sargent	A. D. Lindsey	Florrie Kerley
	Linney's Grove			
1974	Stony Point	Ronald Rowe	Robert Boggs	Florrie Kerley
	Smyrna			
1975	Pilgrim	Grady Kerley	Robert Boggs	Florrie Kerley
	Millersville			

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Associational Missions is the churches working together to do, in the Lord's work, what the individual church could not do alone. Through Associational Missions we seek to promote evangelism, missions, stewardship, Bible study and church training in our churches. It is voluntarily working together in love and fellowship to do what our Lord has commanded.

The highlight of the past year in the Alexander Association was the "Strength for Living" crusade with the Stalnecker evangelistic team in July. This week of special services produced about 200 decisions for Christ. "Praise the Lord." Other special emphases were a Sunday School workshop last fall and a Vacation Bible School Clinic in April. In each we united with the Rocky Face Association to provide classes for each age group. Also, Rev. James Lambert, Area Associational Missionary, taught a Seminary Extension course last winter, I serving as secretary.

Personally, I have attended the Workshop for Associational Missionaries in Raleigh in November and the Missionary Week at Fruitland, as well as Home Missions week at Ridgecrest. Also, the regular quarterly meeting of Associational Missionaries of Area 7, entertaining this meeting in February.

I have worked with Pulpit Committees in securing pastors, and thank the Lord, all of our churches have pastors at this writing—five since our last annual meeting: Joe Elmore, Lebanon; Ray Tester, Mountain Ridge; James Hefner, Oxford Memorial; Lander Heafner, Pleasant Hill and Leroy Clack, Three Forks. I have also counseled with pastors and church leaders. This has been of much worth to me, and I hope of some benefit to them.

Our work at the office is now going much better since Mrs. Marshall (Gloria) Sargent has been employed as secretary, especially getting out the *Alexander Baptist News* twice per month. If you are not on the mailing list and would like to get this newsletter, send us your name and address.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter W. Harrington

STATE MISSIONS

State Missions includes many vital programs, reaching into every area of life and ever ypart of our state, made possible by the cooperative efforts of our churches. State Missions is inter-related through planning and financing with the State Convention, Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board.

During the summer months, the Church Training Department and Campus Ministry Department sponsor groups of young people from our Baptist Colleges to work with young people in local churches. They conduct Vacation Bible Schools and other activities. Many of these activities are conducted in resort areas. The Brotherhood Department and the Women's Missionary Union sponsor camps for boys and girls at Caraway and Fruitland. There are conferences at Caswell and Ridgecrest for all ages.

The State Missions budget covers operating costs for departments of work, such as Sunday School, Music, Church Ministries and Training, Church Building Planning, Brotherhood, WMU, Caswell Assemblies and Caraway Conference Center. State Missions covers the part the State Convention pays on the retirement program for all our pastors. New churches are helped by

loans and grants. The needy churches are given financial aid until they can become self-supporting. Pastors are helped by annuity supplements.

There are many specialized ministries included in State Missions. Some of these are work at Cherokee and Pembroke, enlisting and witnessing to Orientals and Spanish speaking peoples, supplement to associated budgets, support of part-time chaplaincy programs in correctional institutions, teaching and counselling the deaf, literacy missions and migrant missions.

We have a direct command from our Lord in Acts 1:8 to be conscious and responsive to our mission opportunities wherever we find ourselves.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. James B. Robinette

HOME MISSIONS

In the simplicity of a Bible study in a hogan on the Navaho reservation, in the excitement of being launched by a new, 6-foot-5 friend, in the warmth of a giant hug by a little girl, these are the images of Home Missions. And for Home Missions, it's been a very good year.

During the past year, the Home Mission Board responded to Southern Baptists' growing awareness of their responsibility to minister to the needs of all America. With increased income from SBC offerings, the HMB continued to weave patterns into the fabric of U.S. life from Alaskan coast to college campus.

To cross the 70s' barriers with the Good News, the HMB crystallized two concepts in missions: The catalytic role of the missionary and the volunteer role of the laity. Missionaries became "equippers" as well as doers. And the Board became the resource for states, associations, churches, individuals about the task of missions in America. In so doing, it gave direction in many ways; emphasizing the importance of the superintendent of missions; encouraging greater ethnic participation in Baptist life; stressing need and means to communicate one's faith while understanding the beliefs of others.

Yet despite shifts in direction of changes in emphases, the Board's focus remains the same; color-blind, person-centered missions. For Home Missions is—today, yesterday, tomorrow—people. People who care about, who love, who help other people. Their faces, backgrounds, understandings, lifestyles may vary, but their actions express the common goal: "...to make disciples."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Barbara L. Starnes

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The sending out and maintaining of missionaries is primary in Southern Baptist overseas missions through the channel of the Foreign Mission Board. At the close of 1974, the Board had an overseas missionary staff of 2,606, for the first time going over 2,600. The new missionaries include twelve who were re-appointed, twenty-six missionary associates, seventy-seven missionary journeymen and two special project medical workers. These bring the total number appointed since 1845 to 5,422.

On January 1, 1975, Southern Baptist missionaries were assigned to

eighty-two geographical or political entities. These five areas were added during 1974: Panama, Grenada, St. Lucia, Dominica, and Madagascar. In addition, the Board approved assigning missionaries to Nicaragua and El Salvador.

A major Board action in 1974 was the division of South America into two administrative areas, effective at the beginning of 1975.

Evangelism and Church Development:

Evangelism and church development are central to the objectives of missions: making disciples, maturing disciples in the fellowship of local churches, and developing churches into a cooperative effort for a continued outreach. Churches overseas are stimulated by the Foreign Mission Board and its missionaries, but rather than being extensions of, they stand in fraternal relationship with the Southern Baptist Convention. Accomplishments are largely those of national churches, leaders, and conventions, with the assistance of missionary co-workers and resources from Southern Baptists.

Representative of activities in evangelism and church development during 1974 were work in: radio and television, religious education promotion, lay leadership training, stewardship, camps and conferences, women's work, men's work, youth work, and music.

Evangelistic campaigns were conducted in many lands. Work in new dialects, organization of new English-language congregations, and church building programs in several countries were reported. The first baptisms in Surinam took place. New Baptists conventions were organized in Zambia, French West Indies and Barbados.

Schools and Student Work:

Strong indigenous churches must have capable and well-trained leadership from among their people. Educational institutions under Baptist auspices in various lands may include all levels from kindergarten through university. Baptists also sponsor theological schools and Bible institutes to prepare men and women for church and denominational leadership.

In 1974, the seminary in Mexico began classes in its new setting in Mexico City, adding night classes for the first time. In Brazil, a new seminary was reported at Parana and a master's degree program was instituted at South Brazil Seminary in Rio. New seminary buildings were under construction in Equatorial Brazil and Venezuela. Government approval was given for a new theological college for the Caribbean, to be located in Barbados.

Publication Work:

As the literacy rate rises and vigorous churches develop, adequate supplies of Christian literature increase in importance.

Probably the most significant development in publishing work in 1974 was the working out of agreements with Baptist conventions in Nicaragua and El Salvador for placing missionaries in those countrie to carry out literature ministries.

Hospital and Medical Care:

While meeting the physical needs of thousands of people who might otherwise be neglected, Baptist medical work often opens strategic doors for evangelism. In cooperation with national medical personnel, this witness is

expressed by Southern Baptists through hospitals, dental clinics, dispensaries, and day clinics, nursing schools, and other health care ministries in overseas lands.

Significant developments in medical work in 1974 included: a new intensive care unit and prosthetics shop at the Baptist Hospital in Colombia; a new surgical ward and intensive care unit in Korea; addition of a pharmacy building and staff quarters to Ghana Hospital; remodeling and enlarging portions of Gaza Hospital; new out-patient clinics in several countries, including Mexico and Brazil; and government approval for the nursing school at Eku Baptist Hospital in Nigeria.

Benevolent Ministries:

Social service ministries, closely related in motivation and results to medical work, include agricultural programs, good will and community centers, orphan homes, and direct relief.

Increasing awareness of the growing world hunger problem and response to the hurricane in Honduras gave a new thrust to Southern Baptist relief efforts overseas. The Convention's Executive Committee was asked to help inform Southern Baptists that the Foreign Mission Board serves as a channel for overseas relief ministries A special work group began developing a "disaster response plan."

In 1974 a new agricultural missions project was begun in Angola and one in Zambia was officially opened. An agricultural loan fund was set up in Mexico and agricultural and community development projects in Ethiopia were expanded. New social service projects were reported in Vietnam, Japan, and North Brazil.

Contributions:

At the end of 1974, Southern Baptists' contributions for Foreign Missions totaled $44,203,185. The 1974 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal was $23,000,000, an increase over the $22,232,757 contributed (as of May 1, 1974) through the 1973 offering.

Approximately 50 percent of the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program funds is made available annually for Foreign Missions. This is the basis upon which sustained advance can be built. Still needed urgently on overseas fields are land, buildings, and equipment, amounting to several million dollars worth.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Jo Anne Frye

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

There have been many significant developments, in several different areas, at your Baptist Hospital during the past year.

By the time this report is read, the new ambulatory care unit will be open, making possible enlarged and improved services for the Emergency Room, Out-patient Clinics, Physical Therapy and other departments. Renovation of the West Wing will be complete and renovation on the South Wing was begun in early August. The third floor of the Progressive Care Unit has been remodeled to provide 26 beds, therapy room and other improved facilities for Psychiatric services.

The long-awaited EMI-scanner is now in use and is already proving beneficial in detecting blood clots, tumors, strokes and other abnormalities of the brain.

A Family Practice Center opened July 1, 1975, to offer more primary medical care for patients and also to provide specialized training for physicians who choose to enter Family Practice.

During the year the hospital had its biennial review by the Joint Commission on Hospital Accreditation. All areas of operation received an excellent report, but physician service, nursing service and administration all received especially high commendation.

Despite the continued rise in costs for services and materials, the hospital has been able to operate in the black. The administration and department heads confer frequently and make diligent effort to see that the hospital operates as efficiently and economically as possible.

Gifts from the Baptist churches have been very gratifying. During the calendar year of 1974, the hospital received $258,898 through the Cooperative Program and $392,000 through the Mother's Day Offering. Hospital staff members have participated in Cooperative Program promotion in cooperation with the State Convention Division of Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion.

The Department of Pastoral Care has opened a counseling center in Raleigh, its second satellite center. Plans are developing for a third satellite in the western part of the state. The Department has established a scholarship fund as a memorial to Dr. Richard K. Young, the department's first director, who died December 31. Full re-accreditation was given the School of Pastoral Care in December by the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education.

During the past year, Mr. Reid T. Holmes retired as President of the hospital, after serving in the hospital administration for twenty-nine years.

Respectfully submitted,
Wade Miller

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

The North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes continue to offer a variety of services aimed at meeting the needs of children and families in a complex society. For almost ninety years, North Carolina Baptists and their Children's Homes have cooperated in a program of Christian child care.

In October 1974, new buildings were dedicated on the Broyhill Home campus; the Wall and Haywood Cottages, the Broyhill Recreation Building, and the Wagoner Administration Building. In the spring of 1974, the first Emergency Care Home was opened at Burlington, with a second in Charlotte, and others being planned. Children in crisis situations are admitted here to receive needed care until more permanent arrangements can be worked out.

The Baptist Children's Homes will not be content to provide minimal care only. We are committed to quality care, both physical and spiritual to help each child develop his full potential.

Thousands of children, scattered across the state are dependent upon North Carolina Baptists for their support. There are group care campuses for children at Broyhill Home, Waynesville; Mills Home, Thomasville;

Kennedy Home, Kinston; and Wall Home, Wallburg. Many children are cared for in homes provided by foster parents.

The resources available to the Children's Homes to provide such care come through the Cooperative Program, the Thanksgiving Offering, special gifts and estate planning. We believe this ministry deserves the confidence and support of North Carolina Baptists.

Quoting the words of our Savior, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40. Who could benefit more from our support and prayers than these children and those who are committed to their care and comfort.

Respectfully submitted,
William Nicholson

BIBLICAL RECORDER

The BIBLICAL RECORDER is one of thirty-three state Baptist papers. At the Southern Baptist Convention of 1975, the program included a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program. These state papers were highly commended for their efforts and influence in the growth of both the Cooperative Program and the whole Convention.

The RECORDER is one of the oldest of the state papers, having served the Baptists of North Carolina for many years. It has seen generations live and pass on. It has seen editors and staff come and go, but it continues to be a vital force in the life of North Carolina Baptists as well as the whole state. Through it the activities of the departments and agencies of state convention are reported, as well as board coverage of the various meetings. Through it we are kept abreast of the news and progress of our institutions. Many interesting items from local churches and associations are printed. Both sides of controversial matters are presented. If the editorial viewpoint is opposed, space is given for reply.

The subscription price is only $2.50 per year plus sales tax when included in the church budget plan. We believe it is an excellent investment for any church.

Respectfully submitted,
R. M. Grant

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING

As a Baptist, among the many vital ministries that you support are your North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging. For over 23 years now, you have had a part in serving hundreds of older people and making life much happier and secure for them. You have done so through two very helpful means of income: (1) The Special Offering for the Homes, received on the third Sunday of February each year; (2) The Cooperative Program. Gifts through these two sources have increased from year to year, and offerings for 1974 will perhaps exceed $350,000, providing more than 30% of the budget needed to operate five resident Homes and the Nursing Care Unit.

God, through you, has blessed this ministry of our Baptist Homes in a remarkable way, leading you to establish two Homes in Winston-Salem, Resthaven, and the Hayes Home, and the Nursing Care Unit, and three other

Homes at Albemarle, Hamilton, and Yanceyville. In these Homes, four out of every five residents depend upon your love gifts and simply could not be cared for without your help.

Of greatest significance during the past year, has been the decision by the Trustees of the Homes to establish a sixth Home in Western North Carolina, to be located in the city of Asheville on the Pearson Estate, a magnificently beautiful twenty-one acre site, overlooking the city, and with the gorgeous Blue Ridge Mountains in the background. A dedicated group of people in the Western Carolina area have organized the first initial phase of what will become, it is hoped, a major state-wide fund-raising effort to obtain the necessary money to build this proposed Home, after approval by the General Board, and the Baptist State Convention. Church groups are encouraged to visit the beautiful site on which the proposed Home will be built, and will be served lunch, if an appointment is made in advance.

With the addition of a sixth Home for the Aging, with the spiraling cost of living, and the great and ever-increasing needs of older people, it is most urgent that our Baptist people be more generous than ever before in support for the Homes through the regular channels of the third Sunday of February offering, the Cooperative Program, and an over and above gift for the Western North Carolina Home.

Ministry to an older person is a direct ministry as unto Christ Himself and is most pleasing to Him, we are sure!

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Wren Carrigan

STEWARDSHIP AND COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The faithful stewardship of individual Christians and the missionary vision of our churches, expressed through their support of the Cooperative Program enables Southern Baptists to maintain a growing World Missions Program at a time when many others are having to reduce their outreach.

The sun never sets on your offering through the Cooperative Program, and it goes to help evangelize, to teach, to heal, as well as preach the Good News of God around the world. Consider how your gifts are used in God's service: More than 5,000 missionaries at home and in over 80 nations abroad receive a salary each month from your Cooperative Program dollar. These are the called of God to go preach, teach, nurse, doctor, and to do many other tasks. They have gone out from our churches to serve God as he directs them. Moreover, the aged, the sick, the widows, and homeless children have been helped by your gifts.

Last year, 1,026 churches increased their gifts through the Cooperative Program by 15% or more, and three associations in our state had 100% of their churches giving through the Cooperative Program.

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Cooperative Program, let us commit ourselves to do four things:

1. Each church increase its gifts to the Cooperative Program by 15% or more.
2. Pray for your home and foreign missionaries at each service in your church during October.
3. Contribute through the Cooperative Program every month.
4. Have a stewardship workshop in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Blayne Hollar

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Strong and active Sunday School programs do not just happen; they are the results of much prayer and diligent work. Several of our churches continue to show an increase in enrollment and attendance. This is encouraging and reveals the high premium placed on Sunday School and its ministry.

The emphases remain in areas which merit such priority. For example, there still exists, and rightly so, the emphasis on teaching the Bible. Also, there is the strong emphasis on visitation, on reaching the unreached. With these essential ingredients, as directed by the Holy Spirit, the church can and will experience qualitative and quantitative growth in its Sunday School programs.

I would like to challenge each of us to do his part in making this year the best year yet in terms of Bible-centered, spiritually-oriented Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,
Marshall E. Sargent

CHURCH TRAINING

CHURCH: The Sunday Night Place for worship, fellowship, and training.

The purposes of Church Training are:

1. To lead church members to love their church and find joy and fulfillment in visible support of it on Sunday night.
2. To help build the church and lead church workers to a deeper commitment to the total church program.
3. To bring about a new awareness about increased participation in worship, fellowship and training.

The training program of a church is concerned with preparing "all God's people for the work of Christian service, to build up the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:12 TEV)

Nine girls and one boy from three churches: Antioch (5), East Taylorsville (2) and Hiddenite (3)were declared state winners in the Children's Bible Drill held at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute on May 31. One was declared a third year winner. Each participant learned to quote thirty-six scripture verses and ten key passages from the Bible. They were winners in their church drill and the Associational Drill. We challenge all boys and girls 9, 10 and 11 years of age to participate in this drill.

The Scripture says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

Will you join the Church Training family and let God accomplish His purposes through you? Let's make CHURCH: The Sunday Night Place for worship, fellowship, and training—to the Glory of God!

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Blayne E. Hollar

ANNUITY BOARD

The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board serves as a life-line of support for 10,034 retired pastors and other church-related workers or their widows.

During 1974, the Board paid about $15½ million in retirement and other protection benefits to these annuitants. In the Board's 57-year history, it has paid a total of over $125 million in retirement and protection benefits.

The Annuity Board also holds in trust and invests retirement contributions from 38,000 pastors, other church staff and denominational employees—which will be converted into annuity benefits when they retire.

These funds held in trust amount to a record $353,445,743. While this seems a large amount of money, it needs to be noted that this must be divided by the number of future annuitants it will serve for the remainder of their lifetimes after retirement.

The Annuity Board would have enjoyed its best year ever in 1974, but the stock market's downturn intervened. Realized and unrealized losses in income from bonds, short-term investments, and common stocks amount to $21 million.

Gains in other investments reduced the net loss to $11.3 million, or three per cent based on average investments. All investment funds, whether church-related or having other connections, suffered from the stock market decline.

As the stock market began to recover in early 1975, the losses also began to be recovered, Board President Darold H. Morgan said.

In December 1974, the Board issued a 13th Check to annuitants. It amounted to more than $675,000 and was equal to one month's benefits. It is called a 13th Check because it is issued above and beyond the 12 regular monthly benefit checks distributed to annuitants.

Additional information about the Annuity Board may be obtained through the Development Office, Annuity Board, SBC, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

As of July 1, 1975, fifteen churches in the Alexander Association are participating in Plan A and six churches are participating in Plan B.

In North Carolina 2,134 churches and associations and 2,616 staff members are currently participating in the Southern Baptist Protection Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy C. Rogers

HISTORY OF PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

Pilgrim Church was originally organized as "Big Springs," an arm of Bethel, and that church was two or three miles northeast of this site. In April 1837, it was changed to Pilgrim, and Howell Barker, one of the charter members, gave the lot on which this church was built and suggested the name "Pilgrim." The Presbytery consisted of Rev. John Angel, Rev. Samuel Smith and Rev. E. M. Chaffin.

The first recorded preacher was Edward Chaffin. Others were William Goforth, William Swanson, William Garner, W. J. Chapel, J. B. Green, William Pool, Z. B. Adams, T. C. Swain, Jacob Crouch, R. W. Wooten, Y. Jordon, C. C. Pool, J. B. Pool, T. Hollar, William Myers, J. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool, S. P. Gwaltney, L. P. Gwaltney, J. G. Weatherman, W. T. Comer, J. M. Current, J. G. Horn, N. M. Felts, L. E. Barnes, W. T. Comer, Grady White, S. I. Watts, W. N. Hayes, J. A. Icenhour, T. M. Luffman, A. E.

Watts, W. O. Johnson, Ray Shumate, Phil Chapman and Wade Miller who was called as Pastor in 1974.

Pilgrim was one of the churches which organized the Alexander Baptist Association in 1887, when Pilgrim was already fifty years old. We met here first in 1896 and the session was October 1, 2, 3, and 4. It is interesting to note in W. E. White's Report on Education in the minutes that year. He first spoke of boys need of education and then said, "Girls need an education that in the years to come, they may be the un-crowned queens of the hallowed precincts of home, where woman's charms and grace make it a sheltered refuge from trials and temptation." This does not exactly correspond with today's ideas of Womens' Lib. We also met here in 1916, 1941 and 1954.

The first building was of logs. Later a frame structure was built. The brick building was completed in 1948 while W. N. Hayes was pastor. An educational building was added in 1960 under the leadership of Ray Shumate. The parking area was paved in 1970.

Membership has increased from perhaps less than twenty Charter members to 211 present membership. Two of the well-known Gwaltney preachers, Uncle Will and Uncle Jay, were originally members of Pilgrim.

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HISTORY OF MILLERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The first piece of land was given to Millersville Church in 1921 by Miller Manufacturing Company. It was a small tract, just large enough to build the sanctuary. The first services were held in a tent, then in a house across the branch from the church. Later, E. E. Munday donated a dwelling house where services were held until 1923 when the church was organized with fifteen members.

The building was built by Contractor Perry Benfield with free laborers supplied by Miller Manufacturing Company. In 1951, Ben Thompson gave the lumber and Lon Thompson donated his labor to build three Sunday School rooms to the church.

In August 1958, Rhodes-Whitener Mill donated a small tract of land joining the first tract. A few months later the church was remodeled on the inside and underpinned. An organ, new pews and pulpit furniture were installed.

In 1962, Rhodes-Whitener Mill donated another small tract and new Sunday School rooms were added. Later the Charlie Carrigan home was purchased and remodeled for a parsonage. However, it was later desrtoyed by fire.

In 1965, approximately ten and one-half acres of land across the road were purchased, and the parsonage was built there in 1973.

In 1972, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kale, successors to Miller Manufacturing Company donated approximately two acres around the church, which included the parking lot, making about fifteen acres total church property.

T. Elbert Payne was the supply pastor for the first six months. Levy Teague was the first full-time pastor. Others serving are as follows: Otto Johnson, B. F. Peeler, W. W. Rimmer, Lee James, James Lail, Jeffie Daniels, John Houser, Henkle Little, Wade Rogers, Lawrence Barber, and D. L. Bumgarner who was called in 1966.

Lucy Echerd, *Historian*

IN MEMORIAM

The following members of our churches have died since our last association meeting. May the Lord bless their memory to our good and His glory.

ANTIOCH—Mr. Sherrill Teague, Mr. Quince Keller, Mrs. Lester Monday, Mrs. Arthur Meadlock, Mrs. Lula Little, Mr. James Kirby, Mrs. Luna Bentley, Mrs. Joe Moretz

BETHLEHEM—Mrs. Rzula Dagenhart, Mr. Everette Austin, Mr. June Hall, Mrs. Della Benfield

BEULAH—Mrs. Pauline Helper, Mrs. Jettie Robinson

HIDDENITE—Mrs. Emma Grant, Mr. Leach Gooden, Mr. Harold Matheson

LILEDOUN—Mrs. Ida Mayes, Mrs. Onie Carrigan, Mr. Ott May

LITTLE RIVER—Mrs. Annie Mae Pennell

MILLERSVILLE—Mr. John Horace Knox, Mrs. Hazel Stallings Crouch

MOUNTAIN RIDGE—Lesley Dean Austin

MT. HERMAN—Mr. Obie Echerd, Mrs. Clara Mays, Mrs. Clara McLeod

MT. OLIVE—Mr. Ernest Lowe

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Mr. Kelly Pennell, Mrs. Eula White, Mrs. Luna Bentley

PILGRIM—Mr. James Mayberry, Mrs. Rebecca Carson

PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Rosie Daniels, Mr. James Bentley, Mr. Thad Childers, Miss Olie King

POPLAR SPRINGS—Mrs. Ellen Bumgarner, Mrs. Fannie Walker, Mr. Clyde Pennell

STONY POINT—Mrs. Sybil Chapman, Mrs. Ruby Warren, Mrs. Haley Parker, Mrs. Frank Combs, Mr. Bron Lackey, Mrs. Ethel Kirkman, Mr. J. C. Shumate, Mr. John Dishmon

TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Mr. Bill Echerd, Mr. George Wallace, Mr. Nathan Davis, Mr. Max Austin, Mr. Homer Daniels, Deacon

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—Mr. Roy Teague, Mrs. Hilmar McHargue, Mrs. Lelia S. Watts, Mrs. Mary McDuffie, Mrs. Vella E. Bowman, Mr. Reuben G. Watts, Mr. Coin B. Johnson, Mr. Wilson Brookshire

THREE FORKS—Mr. Bill Milstead, Mr. Wilson Watts, Mrs. Laura Lee Rogers, Mrs. Maggie Watts.

STATISTICAL TABLES

Table A — CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION

CHURCHES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	Year organized as a church	Location 1—Open Country 2—Village 3—Town	Services held twice on Sunday? Yes or No	Total Baptisms	Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)	Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	Present resident members	Present nonresident members	Grand total present members	No. members received from non-Baptist Churches	No. members lost to non-Baptist Churches	Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	Value of church property including pastor's home	Total church debt at end of this associational year
Antioch	Ronald Rowe, Rt. 2, Box 298, Taylorsville	1826	1	Yes	11	11	24	459	56	515	0	4	50,000	400,000	0
Bethlehem	Kenneth Lambert, Rt. 1, Box 331, Taylorsville	1871	1	Yes	21	21	25	461	50	511	0	0	45,000	300,000	0
Beulah	Steve Dagenhart, 111 Marsh Rd., Taylorsville	1916	3	Yes	10	6	2	197	30	233	1	0	34,000	123,000	565
Calvary	Henkle Little, P. O. Box 254, Taylorsville	1948	3	Yes	15	15	16	213	1	214	0	0	50,000	250,000	0
Grace	Stanley Frye, Taylorsville	1973	1	Yes	36	34	19	217	2	219	0	0	0	65,000	31,887
Hiddenite	James M. Hester, P. O. Box 38, Hiddenite	1915	3	Yes	10	10	8	238	23	261	0	0	35,000	65,000	0
Lebanon	Joe Elmore, Rt. 4, Taylorsville	1884	1	Yes	6	7	1	81	53	134	0	0	27,000	51,000	0
Liledoun	Coy Walker, P. O. Box 475, Taylorsville	1906	2	Yes	15	7	16	287	130	417	0	0	35,000	159,000	0
Linney's Grove	Bill Nicholson, Rt. 1, Taylorsville	1895	1	No	5	0	16	191	34	225	0	0		140,000	0
Little River	Arthur Jenkins, Rt. 2, Taylorsville	1792	1	No	3	9	4	149	10	159	0	0			0
Macedonia	Ervel Jones, Rt. 1, Taylorsville	1840	1	Yes	12	10	2	204	43	247	1	0	32,000	117,000	0
Millersville	D. L. Bumgarner, Rt. 3, Box 186A, Tay'l.	1923	2	Yes	25	8	12	241	53	294	1	0	35,000	50,000	7,000
Mount Herman	Raymond White, Rt. 2, Taylorsville	1912	1	Yes	8	2	8	224	63	287	0	0	50,000	250,000	0
Mount Olive	Grady Kerley, 411 Hammer Rd., Taylorsville	1865	1	No	5	0	2	145	50	195	0	0	0	75,000	0
Mountain Ridge	Ray Tester, Rt. 2, Box 501, Taylorsville	1954	1	Yes	11	6	1	69	0	69	0	0	0	53,000	0
Oxford Memorial	James L. Hefner, Rt. 2, Taylorsville	1942	1	Yes	4	8	13	182	49	231	0	2	45,000	100,000	10,000
Pilgrim	W. Miller, 1407 Westwood Lane, Wilkesboro	1837	1	No	0	0	2	179	32	211	0	0	0	100,000	0
Pleasant Hill	Lander Hefner, Rt. 5, Taylorsville	1852	1	Yes	4	7	9	257	35	292	0	0	32,000	47,000	10,500
Poplar Springs	Devon Dyson, Rt. 4, Box 167A, Taylorsville	1872	1	Yes	6	9	12	225	65	290	0	0	60,000	75,000	18,674
Smyrna	C. R. Shumate, Rt. 6, Box 260, Taylorsville	1923	1	Yes	21	12	19	209	14	223	3	0	25,000	225,000	38,300
Stony Point	Marshall E. Sargent, Box 198, Stony Point	1909	3	Yes	19	14	18	362	81	443	1	0	65,000	300,000	83,493
Taylorsville, East	Gary Jennings, P. O. Box 906, Taylorsville	1924	3	Yes	87	42	38	647	101	748	0	0	50,000	400,000	7,400
Taylorsville, First	Robert Boggs, Box 305, Taylorsville	1851	3	Yes	25	17	42	551	140	691	0	0	35,000	365,000	29,632
Three Forks	LeRoy Clack, Route 4, Taylorsville	1857	1	Yes	12	12	13	355	120	475	0	1	30,000	185,000	0
TOTALS					371	267	322	6343	1235	7584	7	7			237,451

Table B — THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll enrolment (Birth to 2 years)	Preschool enrolment (Birth through 5 years)	Children enrolment (6-11 years)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years)	Young Adult enrolment Single—(18-29 years)	Young Adult enrolment Married (18-29 years)	Adult enrolment (30-50 years)	Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over)	Adults Away enrolment	Homebound Units enrolment	General officers enrolment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing Sunday School enrolment	Average weekly Sunday School attendance	Number of Bible Study groups	Bible Study groups enrolment	Weekday Bible Study enrolment	Church V. B. S. enrolment
Antioch	L. Crouch, Rt. 1, Box 358, Granite Falls	0	59	59	58	17	35	82	23	10	21	3	0	367	228	0	0	0	209
Bethlehem	G. D. Lail, Rt. 1, Box 200, Taylorsville	0	64	85	53	22	40	110	30	0	0	6	0	410	261	1	12	0	212
Beulah	Bobby Deal, 106 Winter Haven, Tay'l.	1	5	6	18	6	11	30	17	0	0	13	0	107	90	0	0	0	57
Calvary	Denny Dyson, Rt. 1, Taylorsville	15	14	34	36	22	26	35	57	0	0	0	0	239	239	0	0	0	0
Grace	Tom Wrenn, Viewmont Apt., Hickory	11	29	61	52	0	33	33	0	0	0	3	0	222	172	1	15	0	191
Hiddenite	Watson Davidson, Box 222, Hiddenite	0	22	26	25	0	11	60	25	5	4	2	18	198	126	0	0	0	54
Lebanon	J. L. Brown, Jr., Rt. 4, Taylorsville	3	4	7	9	4	4	13	0	0	0	12	0	56	46	0	0	0	44
Liledoun	Roland Chapman, Rt. 6, Taylorsville	10	8	20	39	20	0	40	40	0	0	6	0	178	80	0	0	0	112
Linney's Grove	Billy Millsaps, Rt. 1, Hiddenite	9	9	29	9	18	55	40	11	0	0	2	0	180	108	0	0	0	69
Little River	Ricky Brown, Rt. 4, Taylorsville	12	22	29	17	12	43	44	5	0	0	1	0	185	110	0	0	0	87
Macedonia	Nesbie Cline, Rt. 6, Taylorsville	3	10	20	19	3	25	45	15	0	0	0	30	170	130	1	31	31	70
Millersville	Franklin Barber, Rt. 3, Taylorsville	0	30	33	20	8	27	22	4	3	0	0	0	147	116	0	0	0	113
Mount Herman	Donald Austin, Rt. 2, Hiddenite	0	17	24	29	12	18	35	28	0	0	4	0	167	119	0	0	0	80
Mount Olive	Danny Lowe, Rt. 4, Taylorsville	5	6	6	15	14	12	20	10	0	0	0	0	88	68	0	0	0	45
Mountain Ridge	Larry Tester, Rt. 2, Box 398, Tay'le	4	10	14	9	0	20	16	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	70
Oxford Memorial	Larry Blakely, Rt. 4, Taylorsville	0	27	20	26	6	17	37	8	0	0	4	0	145	107	0	0	0	97
Pilgrim	Buddy G. Jolly, Rt. 1, Hiddenite	4	12	19	9	10	12	45	10	0	1	3	0	125	97	1	20	0	59
Pleasant Hill	Larry Teague, Rt. 5, Taylorsville	0	17	23	29	9	11	47	15	0	0	3	0	154	101	1	40	0	83
Poplar Springs	Darrel Presnell, Rt. 2, Taylorsville	10	20	25	24	15	37	36	18	0	0	0	0	185	163	0	0	0	88
Smyrna	Ray Crouch, Rt. 6, Taylorsville	0	14	32	28	0	38	30	0	0	0	5	0	147	112	1	12	0	63
Stony Point	Tom McNeely, Rt. 1, Stony Point	0	50	86	55	17	18	114	18	0	11	7	0	376	234	0	0	0	240
Taylorsville, East	Bob White, Taylorsville	0	64	156	88	40	43	82	37	0	28	7	0	545	328	0	0	0	182
Taylorsville, First	John Dunn, Taylorsville	0	45	73	82	14	12	152	60	0	14	0	20	472	223	0	0	0	182
Three Forks	John McLeod, Rt. 2, Taylorsville	9	12	40	35	22	50	59	42	0	0	3	0	272	214	0	0	0	63
TOTALS		86	570	927	784	291	598	1227	473	18	79	84	68	5208	3472	6	130	31	2470

Table C — TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Preschool enrolment (5 years and under)	Children enrolment (6-11 years)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years)	Young Adult enrolment (18-29 years)	Adult enrolment (30-59 years	Senior Adult enrolment (60 and over)	General officers enrolment	Total Training Union ongoing enrolment	Average weekly Church Training attendance	New Member Registration Children	New Member Registration Youth	New Member Registration Adult	Short Term Member Training Project Regist.
Antioch	Michael Hollar, Route 2, Taylorsville	22	29	30	20	12	15	2	130	80	0	0	0	0
Bethlehem	Buford S. Adcock, Route 1, Box 227, Taylorsville	21	32	28	15	25	0	3	124	77	13	7	1	0
Hiddenite	R. M. Grant, Route 3, Taylorsville	5	7	12	3	10	5	2	44	33	0	0	0	0
Macedonia	Mrs. Peggy Kerr, Rt. 4, Box 152-B, Taylorsville	0	0	9	13	21	0	1	44	34	0	0	0	0
Mount Herman	Bob Brewington, Taylorsville	6	4	14	5	22	2	1	54	37	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	Mrs. Stanley Reid, Route 2, Taylorsville	21	15	25	18	15	9	4	107	70	0	0	0	0
Smyrna	Fred Deaton, Route 6, Box 350, Taylorsville	4	22	18	9	19	0	3	75	45	10	4	13	27
Stony Point	Dawson Beckham, Stony Point	0	8	15	16	13	0	1	53	23	0	0	0	0
Taylorsville, East	Keith Childers, Taylorsville	24	72	49	12	27	12	2	198	94	0	0	0	0
Taylorsville, First	Mrs. Marvel Reno, Taylorsville	3	16	32	11	0	0	3	65	42	19	0	0	67
Three Forks	David Chapman, Route 4, Taylorsville	7	13	7	12	19	40	2	100	91	0	,	0	0
TOTALS		113	218	239	134	183	80	24	994	626	42	11	14	94

Table D — CHURCH MUSIC

CHURCHES	MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Preschool enrolment (4-5 years)	Children enrolment (6-11 years)	Youth enrolment (12-17 years)	Adult enrolment (18 and over)	Handbell ringers enrolment	Vocal ensemble enrolment	Instrumental ensembles enrolment	General music leaders enrolment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing church music enrolment	Average weekly church music attendance
Antioch	Mrs. Robert Austin, Route 2, Box 326, Taylorsville	0	15	20	33	0	0	0	2	0	68	41
Bethlehem	Darryl Reed, Route 5, Hickory	20	45	27	43	0	25	2	9	0	171	125
Beulah	Escar Bowman, Route 4, Box 237, Taylorsville	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	50	50
Calvary	Randy Little, Taylorsville	40	35	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	105	105
Grace	Patsy Daniels, Route 1, Taylorsville	5	10	4	25	0	0	0	2	0	46	25
Hiddenite	Mrs. Marie Houpe, P. O. Box 5, Hiddenite	3	7	9	20	0	0	0	3	0	42	?
Lebanon	Jimmie P. Watts, Saunders Road, Taylorsville	0	3	3	16	0	0	0	0	0	22	16
Liledoun	Roland Chapman, Route 6, Taylorsville	0	5	15	20	0	6	0	4	0	50	25
Linney's Grove	Wayne Hayes, Route 1, Hiddenite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little River	Gary Jenkins, Route 2, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Macedonia	Redge Chapman, Oak Drive, Taylorsville	8	0	15	18	0	0	0	0	0	41	38
Millersville	Mrs. Christeen Fox, Route 3, Box 186, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mount Herman	Mrs. Carole Mecimore, Route 3, Taylorsville	0	0	16	21	0	0	0	2	0	39	20
Mount Olive	Mrs. Russel Deal, Route 4, Taylorsville	0	6	25	30	0	0	0	0	0	61	45
Mountain Ridge	Miss Rita Reese, Route 2, Taylorsville	7	8	10	12	1	0	2	2	0	42	22
Oxford Memorial	Chucky Holsclaw, Route 2, Lenoir	4	8	18	28	0	0	0	5	0	63	55
Pilgrim	Elbert Mitchell, Route 1, Hiddenite	11	6	20	21	0	0	0	1	1	58	42
Pleasant Hill	Roger Harrington, Route 6, Taylorsville	4	7	13	20	0	0	0	4	0	48	40
Poplar Springs	Butler Chapman, Route 4, Taylorsville	8	10	15	20	2	0	5	4	0	64	50
Smyrna	Curtis Millsaps, 226 Liledown Road, Taylorsville	0	0	18	32	0	0	0	3	0	57	40
Stony Point	Mrs. Virginia Moore, 521 North Miller Ave., Statesville	0	18	28	20	0	20	0	6	0	92	45
Taylorsville, East	None	10	25	18	40	0	36	2	8	0	139	100
Taylorsville, First	None	8	47	38	33	0	0	0	0	0	126	
Three Forks	Escar Childers, Route 4, Taylorsville	0	12	30	25	0	0	0	3	0	70	65
TOTALS		128	267	342	557	3	87	9	58	1	1454	949

Table E — WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Mission Friends (5 years and under)	Girls in Action (6-11 years)	Acteens (12-17 years)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	Total number of of organizations	Mission Friends (5 years and under)	Girlss in Action (6-11 years)	Acteens (12-17 years)	Baptist Young Women (18-29 years)	Baptist Women (30 and over)	WMU officers	Total WMU ongoing enrolment
Antioch	Mrs. Jerry Bowman, Route 2, Box 328, Taylorsville	1	2	1	1	1	6	10	13	13	18	33	9	96
Bethlehem	Mrs. Pantha Fox, Route 6, Box 281, Taylorsville	0	2	2	1	1	6	0	14	18	21	15	5	73
Grace	Joanne Frye, Route 1, Pinecrest Park, Taylorsville	1	1	1	0	1	4	5	15	12	0	20	1	53
Hiddenite	Miss Marcella Hines, P. O. Box 204, Hiddenite	1	1	0	0	2	8	4	15	0	0	35	4	58
Macedonia	Mrs. Mildred Dagenhart, Route 6, Taylorsville	0	1	1	1	1	4	0	6	5	6	13	7	37
Mount Herman	Mrs. Pearl Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville	0	1	2	1	1	5	0	6	15	13	12	5	51
Mount Olive	Mrs. Theron Beaman, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	12	3	15
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Floyd Reid, Route 2, Lenoir	0	1	2	0	1	4	0	6	14	0	28	4	52
Smyrna	Mrs. Judy Smith, Route 2, Box 17, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	22	4	26
Stony Point	Mrs. Carol Cockrell, Stony Point	0	2	0	0	2	4	0	22	0	0	23	2	47
Taylorsville, First	Miss Lucy Thompson, Taylorsville	1	2	0	0	4	7	8	21	0	0	70	8	107
Three Forks	Mrs. LeRoy Clack, Route 4, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	24	1	25
TOTALS		4	13	8	4	17	51	27	118	77	58	307	53	605

Table F — BROTHERHOOD

CHURCHES	BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	Crusaders (6-11 years)	Pioneers (12-17 years)	RA leader and committee	Baptist Men enrolment (18-59 years)	Other Baptist men groups	Brotherhood director and General Officers	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total ongoing Brotherhood enrolment
Antioch	Wayne Austin, Route 2, Box 326, Taylorsville	17	16	5	22	0	4	0	64
Bethlehem		8	12	2	0	0	0	0	22
Grace	Frank McClean, Route 1, Taylorsville	12	11	3	20	0	1	0	47
Stony Point	Dawson Beckman, Stony Point	14	18	2	22	0	3	0	59
Taylorsville, First	Glenn Wilson, Taylorsville	9	8	4	18	0	2	0	41
Macedonia		8	8	3	0	0	0	0	19
Oxford Memorial	Gene Anderson, Route 2, Lenoir	10	8	5	0	0	1	0	24
TOTALS		78	81	23	82	0	11	0	276

Table G — TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts	All other receipts	Total receipts	Money borrowed during the year	Church staff salaries	Money paid out on new construction during the year	Debt retirement during the year	Church literature	All other local expenditures	Total local expenditures
Antioch	C. A. Caldwell, Route 2, Box 311, Taylorsville	88,898	1,703	90,601	0	17,928	0	0	4,641	44,530	67,099
Bethlehem	Mrs. Diane Ward, Route 5, Box 457, Hickory	82,073	226	82,299	2,921	19,604	0	2,921	2,100	26,509	51,134
Beulah	Nancy Deal, 196 Winter Haven, Taylorsville	20,677	0	20,677	0	8,914	0	5,450	310	1,868	18,542
Calvary	Mr. Dwight Warren, Airport Road, Tayorsville	59,767	1,412	61,178	0	11,400	0	0	626	7,657	19,683
Grace	Patsy Daniels, Taylorsville	29,737	0	29,737	1,700	10,825	702	8,018	605	10,151	30,304
Hiddenite	Mr. Gerald Goble, R.F.D. Box 337, Hiddenite	39,105	1,500	40,605	0	12,200	0	0	1,400	10,095	23,695
Lebanon	Mary Kate Watts, Route 4, Taylorsville	20,570	0	20,570	0	6,775	1,157	1,800	145	3,446	13,324
Liledoun	Mrs. Max Gant, 370 Boston S.E., Taylorsville	50,403	0	50,403	0	9,194	0	0	835	43,947	53,965
Linney's Grove	Bobby Millsaps, Route 1, Hiddenite	19,344	0	19,344	0	6,500	0	0	225	11,308	18,033
Little River	Collesen McDuffie, Route 4, Box 243, Taylorsville	39,430	0	39,430	6,000	8,930	30,574	2.161	636	4,779	47,080
Macedonia	Tony Fox, Route 6, Box 360, Taylorsville	34,623	0	34,623	0	9,720	0	0	820	0	11,517
Millersville	Mrs. Christine Fox, Route 3, Box 186, Taylorsville	28,600	0	28,600	0	12,525	0	0	245	7,411	20,182
Mount Herman	Willard Meadlock, Route 2, Taylorsville	50,291	512	50,803	0	10,596	64,920	0	928	10,333	93,924
Mount Olive	Mrs. Theron Beaman, Taylorsville	15,513	674	16,188	0	6,335	0	0	499	6,060	12,894
Mountain Ridge	Mr. Authur Keller, Route 2, Taylorsville	10,885	112	10,997	0	5,965	1,054	0	304	1,745	9,068
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Dale Reid, Route 2, Taylorsville	33,849	0	33,849	10,000	8.881	29,541	0	1,341	4,256	44,020
Pilgrim	Mr. Elbert Mitchell, Route 1, Hiddenite	16,240	0	16,240	0	8,100	2,900	0	585	1,811	13,396
Pleasant Hill	Mr. Vaughn Kerley, Moravin Falls	28,191	0	28,191	17,000	8,370	20,148	10.500	325	8,451	47,794
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Nelle Dagenhart, Box 671, Taylorsville	37,878	0	37,878	20,000	16,170	46,866	1,896	617	1,927	67,476
Smyrna	Mrs. Paul Barkley, Route 3, Box 85, Taylorsville	33,857	0	33,857	0	11,012	0	7,766	1.254	10,230	30,262
Stony Point	Blake Rogers, Stony Point	76,984	0	76,984	0	21,655	0	20,362	4,167	21,125	67,308
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. Jane Hefner, Taylorsville	100,949	0	100,949	0	26,921	17,404	10,034	2,180	46,884	103,424
Taylorsville, First	David Campbell, Taylorsville	94,981	8,174	103,155	0	36,843	0	17,918	2,714	37,014	94,489
Three Forks	Doris Moose, Route 4, Taylorsville	62,071	832	62,903	0	16,467	34,606	0	2,047	22,342	75,462
TOTALS		1,074,916	15,145	1,090,061	57,621	311,830	249,872	88,826	29,549	343,844	1,034,075

Table H — MISSION EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES										Grand Total Mission expenditures
			Associational missions program	Designated: State missions	Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong Easter offering)	Designated: SBC Foreign Missions (incl. Lottie Moon Christmas offering)	Designated: Christian education (schools, etc.)	Designated: Children's homes (cash plus goods)	Designated: Hospitals	Designated: Homes for the aged	Designated: All other (Bible Society, Temperance League, etc.)	Total other mission cause expenditures	
Antioch	Mrs. Blayne Hollar, Rt. 2, Box 308, Tay'l.	18.282	666	159	1,144	3,008	46	196	103	50	380	5,752	24,034
Bethlehem	Mrs. Linda Kirby, Rt. 1, Box 254, Tay'l.	14,734	900	0	1,030	3,690	22	70	85	32	412	6,244	20,976
Beulah	Polly Miller, 218 6th St. S.E., Taylorsville	277	52	175	284	375	0	240	30	33	715	1,905	2,182
Calvary	Mrs. Rachel Stevenson, P. O. Box 266, Tay'l.	0	100	0	0	0	0	500	500	500	22,958	24,558	24,558
Grace	Delette Rowe, Rt. 1, Box 402-A, Tay'l.	1,296	518	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	120	685	1,982
Hiddenite	Bill Goble, RFD Box 338, Hiddenite	3,365	300	5	194	1,337	84	654	189	0	67	2,830	6,195
Lebanon	Josephene Watts, Rt. 4, Box 289, Tay'l.	1,660	100	204	155	677	0	167	143	126	1,100	2,677	4,337
Liledoun	Mrs. Levaughn Brown, Rt. 6, Box 82C, Tay'l.	0	0	0	0	8,568	0	4,578	4,578	0	4,618	22,342	22,342
Linney's Grove	Miss Barbara Bowles, Rt. 1, Box 95, Hiddenite	0	48	0	0	240	0	125	0	0	2,324	2,737	2,737
Little River	Joe McDuffie, Rt. 4, Box 243, Taylorsville	3,468	125	16	0	43	0	46	27	40	0	297	3,765
Macedonia	Mrs. Yvonne Patterson, Rt. 1, Box 105 S. Pt.	850	225	115	100	1,105	132	184	114	130	0	2,105	2,955
Millersville	Miss Muriel Stafford, Rt. 3, Box 160, Tay'l.	100	110	0	1,858	207	0	81	82	71	0	2,410	2,510
Mount Herman	Mrs. Florrie Kerley, Rt. 4, Box 120, Tay'l.	1,200	425	500	633	2,106	204	926	50	610	427	5,947	7,147
Mount Olive	Mrs. Russell Deal, Rt., Taylorsville	226	100	100	200	275	0	200	225	125	1,575	2,800	3,026
Mountain Ridge	Mrs. Barbara Tester, Rt. 2, Box 398, Tay'l.	425	150	120	92	282	120	79	84	86	156	1,169	1,594
Oxford Memorial	Cindy White, Route 2, Lenoir	2,662	632	163	941	491	15	41	22	0	20	2,326	4,988
Pilgrim	Mr. Comer Bowles, Route 1, Hiddenite	0	192	48	0	1,068	0	367	360	58	267	2,359	2,359
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Verna Jolly, Rt. 5, Box 252, Tay'l.	53	200	112	0	689	0	219	161	109	0	1,485	1,538
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Nelle Dagenhart, Box 671, Tay'l.	0	175	0	0	1,000	0	995	550	73	2,511	5,364	5,364
Smyrna	Mrs. Paul Barkley, Rt. 3, Box 85, Tay'l.	1,353	135	40	396	665	62	135	199	241	369	2,242	3,595
Stony Point	Blake Rogers, Stony Point	4,025	700	512	312	3,741	0	33	0	0	0	5,298	9,323
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. Melinda Chapman, Rt. 2, Box 369, Hic.	398	667	515	560	1,000	855	200	400	450	2,269	6,915	7,313
Taylorsville, First	Miss Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville	9,655	1,296	300	731	3,364	100	504	378	201	826	7,701	17,355
Three Forks	Elline Lackey, Rt. 4, Box 230, Taylorsville	2.000	200	2500	5,050	4,032	1500	2,500	2.050	2559	500	20.691	22,691
TOTALS		66,029	8016	5584	13,680	37,949	3143	13,040	10,330	5494	41,614	138,839	204,866